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THE CONTEST IN ILLINOIS

GRANT'S MAJORITY IN THE CONVENTION ASSURED.

AN EXCITING SESSION EXPECTED—HOW THE COOK COUNTY DIFFICULTY WILL BE ADJUSTED—WASHBURNE ASKING HIS FRIENDS TO STAND BY GRANT.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Everything indicates a warm time at Springfield, and the dispatches from there make it very improbable that any settlement of the Cook County imbroglio will be arrived at prior to the meeting of the convention. A dispatch says that scarcely any of the delegates so far assembled propose to admit either the Farwell Hall or Palmer House delegation as a body. The propositions is to disregard both conventions entirely, and take up the contest by Senatorial districts, seating such delegates as appear to be the choice of the people at the primaries, without regard to what either convention did. This proceeding will undoubtedly seat Grant delegates from the First, Third, and Fourth Districts, and Washburne and Blaine delegates from the Second, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh. That this will be the course pursued in disposing of the contest seems very certain, and although there may be a minority report, the plan indicated will undoubtedly be adopted by the convention. The following dispatch was received at Galena today:

PORTLAND, Me., May 17, 1880.
To R. H. McClelland, Galena:

Too unwell to attend to anything, but express to all my friends my earnest hope that they will support Gen. Grant.

E. B. WASHBURNE.

The trouble is that it is not Mr. Washburne's friends who are using his name in Illinois, but the enemies of Gen. Grant. They will not be likely, therefore, to pay much attention to this request.

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THE DEFEATED ANTI-GRANT MEN.

CERTAINTY OF A GRANT MAJORITY IN THE CONVENTION — OFFERS TENDING TOWARD HARMONY REJECTED BY THE OPPOSITION.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 17.—It is already apparent that the coming State Convention of Illinois Republicans will be one of the most memorable political meetings ever held in this country. If for nothing else, it will at least be most remarkable because of the crowds that will attend it. To-night, two days in advance of the meeting, it is impossible to find a sleeping apartment in Springfield. Even cots in billiard-rooms and hallways are being sold at a premium, and as yet not more than a third of the delegates are on the ground. Those who are here, however, are prominent men and their opinions of the situation may be taken as very plainly indicating the result. If such opinions, indeed, are to be trusted, there is not the slightest doubt that the outcome of the convention will be a complete victory for the friends of Gen. Grant.

These men now here include nearly all the practical, hard-working men in the party. They have all the machinery of the party organization at their backs, and it is not questioned that the majority of the Republicans of Illinois support them. Still, they are not disposed to press their opponents to the wall, for the best interests of the country and to bring about the harmony which is necessary to success. They have expressed a willingness to make many concessions. A. M. Jones, Esq., the Chairman of the State Committee, said one of Gen. Grant's most hearty supporters, has left no stone unturned which promises to reconcile the Blaine-Washburne combination to the defeat which now seems destined to overtake it. He and the gentlemen acting with him have even gone so far as to intimate an inclination to instruct only the delegates at large in favor of Grant, leaving the district delegates bound only by a request. This proposition the combination managers, men of the Farwell, Root, Roberts, and Anthony class, are not disposed to accept. They are, in fact, bent upon adopting a policy of rule or ruin. They are to-night, very much after the John G. Thompson fashion, claiming everything and predicting that, before the close of Wednesday's meeting, they will pass anti-third-term resolutions. Upon what grounds they make this claim no one here, not in their secret, can discover. As far as those who have no personal interest in the contest can see, the Grant men have a clear majority of the delegates elected from the districts other than Cook County. In addition they have the aid of the State Central Committee, and will be able to control the temporary organization. This point having been gained, they will have little trouble in selecting a Committee on Credentials composed of a majority of their own men, and referring the Cook County contest to that committee.

That the trouble in Chicago must rightfully be sent to such a committee, there can be no doubt, for, in addition to the many just grounds for contest which can be advanced and which have already been fully detailed in these columns, it cannot be denied that the Blaine-Washburne convention acted contrary to the usages and law of the party in electing delegates from the whole of Cook County, instead of from the different Senatorial districts in that county. Two years ago there was a contest in regard to the Chicago delegation quite similar to that which is now going on, and at that time a rule was adopted, for the future guidance of county conventions, and all parties to the contest then pending agreed that it should be regarded as a law of the party. This rule provided that each Senatorial district in Cook County should elect its own delegates to the State Convention, regardless of the action of the general convention of the county. There are seven Senatorial districts in Cook, and the Grant men carried three of them by a sweeping majority, and hence are entitled, on the face of the returns and in fact, to the 26 delegates representing those three districts. The other four districts were apparently carried by the Blaine-Washburne coalition. Under the rule cited above, the Grant men would be entitled to 26, and the coalition to 56, of the 82 delegates from this county.

But even though the Grant men might be seated with a comfortable majority on this basis, the combination men say that they will not be satisfied with all or nothing; and if they cannot get all, they very freely threaten a bolt. They go so far as to say that if a few of them do, they will carry the Counties of Edgar and Marshall out of the convention in addition to Cook. They profess to be able to do this by the aid of the Messrs. Booth, relatives of United States Senator Booth, and residents of Edgar and Marshall. Late to-night, at a Blaine-Washburne caucus, a resolution was passed pledging all the anti-Grant delegates to vote to-day against the Permanent Organization, and to the other contests. Of course, some one end of the privilege threats to bolt the combination managers make no parade. On the contrary, they are evidently trying, by loud boasting, to force Gen. Grant's friends into a compliance with their demands. In this scheme, it might be well to be understood at the outset, they will not be successful. The friends of the ex-President now here are resolute; they are in the majority. They have their opponents where they want them. They are equal to any emergency, and, if the worst comes to the worst, they may be sure that a candidate will be nominated at Chicago who is not simply supported by a united delegation from his own State. They are assured that the popular sentiment of the Republicans of Illinois desire such a delegation to go to Chicago united for Grant, and they will not, even though there should be a bolt, go contrary to their own convictions and against the wishes of their constituents. Unless all signs fail, they will succeed, and a delegation united in favor of Grant's nomination will represent this State in the National Convention.

To-night, as the delegates arrive, it becomes more and more apparent that there is throughout the State much dissatisfaction at the course which Mr. Washburne has taken in the pending contest. He is criticised with particular severity for having left Illinois at so important a juncture, and for having permitted his so-called friends to go directly against the cause which he professes to have so much at heart. While these and other severe comments are made upon Mr. Washburne, it must, nevertheless, be admitted that he has a very considerable following in Illinois, and that as far as can be judged from surface indications, he had done all in his power publicly to indicate his desire that Gen. Grant should be nominated. In addition to many other letters of like purport, he recently sent to the most prominent Grant Republican in Ohio a communication, in which he said: "There is absolutely no reason why any citizen of this Union, whether born in America, Germany, or any other country, should not vote for and support Gen. Grant." Many of those who have heretofore been among Mr. Washburne's warmest admirers are, in spite of expressions like the above, disposed to believe that he is absolutely bitten with the Presidential ambition, and that, while he may prefer Grant to Blaine, Edmunds, or Sherman, he would prefer Washburne even to Grant.

One of the peculiarities of the convention promises to be an entire absence of the Sherman Treasury agents. If the Secretary has any friends in Illinois, they have not yet appeared here. In addition to the Presidential questions which it will have to dispose of, the convention will be called upon to nominate a full State ticket, but until delegates to Chicago have been chosen this minor consideration is, by general consent, left in the background.

H. C.

EXCITING METHODIST QUESTIONS.

WOMEN AND TEMPERANCE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE—FAVORING A COLORED BISHOP.

CINCINNATI, May 17.—To-day has been full of excitement for the members of the General Methodist Episcopal Conference. When they entered the hall they found on their desks a printed appeal, by Miss Anna Oliver, from a decision of Bishop Andrews, at the last New-England Conference, against her ordination and full installment as Pastor of the Willoughby-Avenue Church, in Brooklyn. Miss Oliver asks for ordination, not for evangelistic work, but for a pastorate. She says: "I am sorry to trouble our dear mother Church with any perplexing question, but it presses me also, and the Church and myself must decide something. I am so thoroughly convinced that the Lord has laid commands upon me in this direction that it becomes with me really a question of my own soul's salvation." She then gives the reasons that induce her to believe that she is called to pastoral work, and concludes: "I have made almost every conceivable sacrifice to do what I believe God's will. Brought up in a conservative circle in New-York City, that held it a disgrace for a woman to work, surrounded with the comforts and advantages of ample means, and trained in the Episcopal Church, I gave up home, friends, and support, went counter to prejudices that had become second nature to me, worked for several years to constant exhaustion, and suffered cold, hunger, and loneliness; the things hardest for me to bear were laid upon me. For two months my own mother did not speak to me. When I entered the house she turned and walked away. When I sat at the table she did not recognize me. I have passed through tortures to which the flames of martyrdom would be nothing, for they would end in a day; and through all this time and to-day I could turn off to positions of comparative ease and profit. I ask you, fathers and brethren, tell me what would you do were you in my place? Tell me what would you wish the Church to do toward you were you in my place? Please only apply the golden rule, and vote in Conference accordingly."

The members had no sooner laid aside the appeal of Miss Oliver than another woman problem was projected to the front. Miss Willard, of Chicago, desired to address the Conference 10 minutes on the subject of temperance, and a resolution was presented, extending to her the privilege. This provoked a lively discussion. Dr. Buckley and other leading members taking the ground that the time of the body could not be given up to such diversion. Filibustering followed, and the entire session was consumed before a vote was reached. The decision was in favor of the temperance address, but there was no time to deliver it, and the subject will probably come up again in the morning. Many of the delegates feel that it is a kind of imputation on the Conference to vote that it is in need of a temperance lecture in the midst of its most pressing and important business.

Some very important work was done this afternoon in committees. The Episcopacy Committee had a protracted and exciting debate on the subject of a colored Bishop, the decision finally being in favor of a report recommending that the Conference immediately proceed to the election of such an officer. There is strong feeling in the Conference against the election of a Bishop or any other functionary purely on the color line, and there is every promise of a lively time before the subject is disposed of. In the Itinerancy Committee a report was agreed upon adverse to any lengthening of the pastoral term beyond the three years. A minority report will be presented, and a lively debate on this subject also is expected. In the Book Concern Committee an attempt was made to order the discontinuance of newspapers and other publishing interest of the Church in the South, on the ground that they are not profitable financially. This was voted down after three hours' debate on the ground that such discontinuance would be the first move toward the entire abandonment of the work of the Church in the South.

Among the resolutions offered was one from the Vermont Conference, requesting candidates for the ministry to answer the questions: "Do you use tobacco?" "Do you use alcoholic stimulants in any form?" This was referred to the Committee on Revivals. A resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Freedman's Aid "to inquire into and report whether the duties of that society could not advantageously be divided between the Educational and Church Extension Societies." A resolution by J. W. Willet, declaring Bishops-elect to be Bishops by the fact of their election, and not by virtue of the ceremony of ordination, was referred to the Committee on the Episcopacy.

BOSTON, May 17.—The Boston Methodist preachers, at their regular weekly meeting today, after an animated discussion, adopted a resolution requesting the General Conference to elect a Bishop of African descent, and also requesting the delegates to the Conference to use their influence in favor of such election.

THE STORY OF A WIDOW'S WEEDS.

The efficiency of the officers of the Department of Charities and Correction was still further fortified yesterday in a report made to the Board of Governors by Mrs. Mary Devine, of Eighteenth-street and Five-avenue. She related that about two years ago she received a notice that her husband, who was insane, had died on Blackwell's Island. She donned the widow's garb, and mourned her dead. Yesterday, Quinn, the undertaker, on the island, carted her with a coffin from Dr. McDonald, who, it is said, was in the first notice the late husband had died on Sunday, following. She hoped the undertaker would prove prudent jokes, but when, on her protest to verify the information, she found that it was not and that the husband she had buried two years ago had lived, while another body had been given her, she felt that the joke was carried a little too far. Mrs. Devine will, it is said, seek legal redress.

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS

TRYING TO SELL THE VOTE OF THE DELAWARE DELEGATION.

A SHAMELESS ATTEMPT TO DICKER WITH SHERMAN FOR A CUSTOM-HOUSE APPOINTMENT.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 17.—The six delegates from Delaware to the Chicago Convention are not instructed for any candidate, though they have been persistently claimed as "solid for Blaine." It now appears that persons who pretend to control them are attempting to trade on their votes at Chicago, and it is pretty well understood here that they have been offered to Secretary Sherman in exchange for the position of Collector of Customs for Delaware. The present incumbent of the place, Mr. Lewis Thompson, one of the band of 50 who voted for Fremont, in Delaware, in 1856, and a very competent man, though an inactive politician, has held it for four years, and his commission expired a few days ago. He has been in Washington looking after his reappointment, while persons from Kent County, including ex-Judge George P. Fisher, formerly of Washington, and his whilom deputy in that city, Richard Harrington, have been down also, opposing Mr. Thompson, and urging the selection of Henry W. Cannon, editor of the Dover *Sentinel.* Cannon belongs to their faction, and in 1876, when the Republicans made the last party fight in this State, used every exertion in his newspaper to prevent the election of a portion of the Republican ticket in Newcastle County. The idea now is, notwithstanding, to trade off the Delaware votes at Chicago for his appointment, if Mr. Sherman can be induced to dicker. One, at least, of the delegates—Mr. Febiger, of this city—is an independent man, and not likely to be bought or sold, if he knows it. The other five may be considered as more or less controlled by the influences which Fisher and Harrington can bring to bear.

PREPARING FOR THE DELEGATES.

THE EXPOSITION BUILDING AT CHICAGO NEARLY READY FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, May 17.—In the preparation of the Exposition Building for the Republican National Convention, no thing remains to be done except putting in the seats and decorations. The original designs for decorating the hall have been abandoned. The whole south half of the building is partitioned off from top to bottom. On the northern wall of the hall will be a large portrait of Abraham Lincoln, and the words, "With malice toward none and charity for all." Hanging from the centre of the roof of the hall will be a picture of Washington, and above the officers of the convention, on the stage, will hang a draped portrait of Zach. Chandler. The portion of the roof elevated in the centre, above the arches, forming its principal support, will be shut out by bunting, which at the southern end, where the space is wide, will be blue and set with stars. The remainder of the bunting will be red and white. Around the sides of the hall will hang 15 large portraits of distinguished American statesmen of the past. The remaining decorations consist wholly of flags.

As far as known the head-quarters of the different State delegations will be as follows: Arkansas, California, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont at the Palmer House; Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New-Hampshire, New-Jersey, New-York, Oregon, and Washington Territory at the Grand Pacific; Louisiana, North Carolina, and Wisconsin at the Tremont House; Iowa and South Carolina at the Sherman House; Nebraska and Texas at the Clifton House; Maine at the Matteson House, and Massachusetts at the Gardner House.

TILDEN IN KENTUCKY.

FRIENDS OF THE GRAMERCY PARK STATESMAN LOSING THEIR COURAGE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 17.—Some time ago, the *Courier-Journal*, a paper whose remarkable advocacy of Mr. Tilden has attracted general attention, published the following editorial: "Thirty days before the assembling of the Democratic convention here in Kentucky, we shall place at the head of the *Courier-Journal* a preamble reciting the situation and a resolution instructing the delegation to vote in the National Convention as a unit for Mr. Tilden. We shall submit this preamble and resolution to our State Convention. Democrats who have been amusing themselves by gratuitous wanton abuse of the unselfish statesman and upright citizen may prepare to waltz up to these." The "waltz up" idea proved anything but agreeable to the Democracy of the State, and a most violent opposition to Tilden sprang up in all parts, the people, of course, considering Mr. Watterson as the immediate friend and mouthpiece of this Democratic candidate. A furious attack on Senator Beck by the *Courier-Journal*, followed by sharp responses from Mr. Beck and others in the Louisville *Post*, lost many friends to the Tilden cause. Mr. Watterson was at first announced to run as a delegate in his own ward to the Democratic State Convention, but subsequently the impossibility of election dawning on him made necessary at least his temporary withdrawal.

This morning the *Courier-Journal* printed the following, which is almost an open acknowledgment of Tilden's defeat in Kentucky: "We shall not ask the Lexington Convention to instruct, but in the meantime we shall not be deterred from appealing to the Democratic people of Kentucky to send nobody to Lexington who does not go there to meet the self-sacrificing spirit of his grand old man with a kindred spirit; to send nobody there who shall carry with him a heart full of bitter prejudices, or a mind full of schemes and devices, and to send nobody there who is not capable of appreciating the magnitude of the occasion, and applying to it a sound temper and sober discretion." It is absolutely certain that Kentucky will not instruct for anybody, and the chances are favorable for an anti-Tilden delegation to Cincinnati. English of Indiana, is developing much strength in Kentucky, several State papers having already declared for him.

NEW-JERSEY DEMOCRATS.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 17.—The Democratic primaries for the election of delegates to the State Convention at Trenton, were held in Morris County Saturday evening. The county sends 43 delegates to the convention, none of whom are pledged to any candidate, but are supposed to be about equally divided between Tilden and Bayard.

BURLINGTON, N. J., May 17.—The Democrats of Burlington have elected their delegates to the State Convention. The delegates are divided in opinion, some preferring Bayard, some Tilden, and others Joel Parker.

HOBOKEN, N. J., May 17.—The Democrats of this place have appointed the Hon. Andrew J. Smith and Judge E. T. B. Applegate to represent them at the State Convention.

CALIFORNIA WORKING MEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—The Working Men's State Convention met to-day in this city, effected a temporary organization, appointed committees, and adjourned until this evening. Only a portion of the occupied of the State is represented. It is not certain whether the convention will choose any delegates to the National Greenback and Labor Convention, the main object being to revise the constitution and secure organization of the party. A vote on temporary President would seem to indicate that the Greenback element lacked a majority.

STARTLING CHARGES OF BRIBERY.

THE ORIGINAL TEXAS PACIFIC LAND GRANT SAID TO HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY THE GROSSEST CORRUPTION.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—James A. George, an officer of the Census Bureau, who represents certain Southern Railroads here, has written a very sensational letter to the Chairman of the House Committee on Pacific Railroads, asking that an extension of time for the expiration of the land grant to the Texas Pacific Railroad be refused, upon the ground that the original grant was obtained through bribery and corruption. This letter made a great sensation in the committee rooms, where it was read, and notwithstanding an injunction of secrecy put upon the subject, a rumor about the letter began to circulate in the Capitol early this afternoon. It was erroneously stated that the charges made in the letter involved the Northern Pacific land grant, and dispatches to this effect were sent from here, but a careful investigation by THE TIMES correspondent shows that it was the Texas Pacific alone which was referred to. Although a copy of Mr. George's letter, or its exact purport, was refused by members of the committee, yet an exact copy of the letter as filed has been obtained. It is as follows:

WASHINGTON, May 17.

DEAR SIR: The proposition now pending before the Committee on Pacific Railroads, of which you are Chairman, to extend the time of the Texas Pacific Railroad land grant, should not, in my opinion, prevail, but, on the contrary, should be declared forfeited, for the following reasons, to wit:

The original grant was procured by bribery and fraud, and in recognition of that broad and fundamental principle of law—that fraud vitiates all contracts—there is no contract or implied obligation resting upon the Government why an extension of time should be given so that a grant originally obtained by fraud can be utilized. The history of the legislation by which the original grant was obtained is as follows: The act of Congress making a land grant in aid of the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railroad passed the Senate on the 21 day of July, 1870, and passed the House on the 3d day of March, 1871. It became evident to the friends of the bill upon its introduction in the sessions of 1869 and 1870 that it would meet with strong, and it was feared, successful opposition. In order to successfully combat such opposition and secure the passage of the bill a number of persons, named as incorporators in the bill, raised the sum of $60,000 in cash and made a written agreement on the 7th day of June, 1870, to issue $800,000 in first mortgage land grant bonds of the company, which, with the money named, was to be used in buying enough votes in the Senate to secure the passage of the bill through that body. The money and agreement were deposited in the hands of two parties, to be held subject to the vote in the Senate. Of the $60,000 in cash raised as stated before, the sum of $26,000 was placed on receipt paid, to a Senator, to be divided by him with three other Senators. The agreement above referred to provided that the whole amount of $800,000 in land grant bonds should be delivered to the Senators referred to, who were to distribute them among Senators who were to receive them for voting as desired upon.

In the month of January, 1871, a bond was executed by one of the incorporators in the sum of $1,000,000, guaranteeing an issue of first mortgage land grant bonds of the Texas and Pacific Railroad to the amount of $1,000,000, which were to be used in securing votes enough in the House of Representatives to secure the passage of the bill through that body. Arrangements were made in pursuance of this agreement with a number of members of the House to vote for the bill in consideration of the payment to each of them of said bonds in specific amounts. The bill did pass the House on the 3d of March, 1871. Documentary proof, together with the names of those who are cognizant of the facts, have been placed at my disposal, which I will lay before any committee that Congress may appoint to investigate this matter.

In view of the foregoing facts, it can readily be seen that before Congress extends land grants through failure of compliance of the grantees with the contract, it would be well to see by what means the original grants were obtained. Respectfully,

JAMES A. GEORGE.

Hon. Robert M. McLane, Chairman of Committee on Pacific Railroads.

WORK OF STATE LEGISLATORS.

DISCUSSIONS IN BOTH HOUSES—BUSINESS BEFORE COMMITTEES.

ALBANY, May 17.—Twenty-six present this evening. The bill requiring that in all sales of oleomargarine the word "oleomargarine" be distinctly stamped so as to be plainly visible to purchasers, was ordered to a third reading. The bill to tax deposits of savings banks was put on its final passage and lost, having received only 12 votes. None of the tax bills are likely to pass, except the one taxing corporations. The Hepburn Anti-discrimination Freight bill will be reported to-morrow, and will probably reach a vote on Wednesday. Mr. Jacobs introduced a resolution asking for an early report of the investigating committee on the means used to defeat the Brooklyn Single-headed Commission bill. He thinks certain Senators are suffering severely under the imputation of having been bribed. They would probably suffer still more if the investigation were extended to the means used to kill the Pilot bills. The bill to incorporate a night medical service for New-York City was passed.

Hiram Superintendent Hepburn to-day appointed as his Deputy, Mr. James S. Thurston, of Binghamton; in place of Mr. Judson, who acted as assistant to Mr. Lamb. Mr. Thurston, for nine years, was Treasurer of a savings bank in Elmira, and for a long time was a partner with Mr. Charles G. Fairman, the new Superintendent of Insurance, in the publication of the Elmira *Advertiser.*

There was an animated discussion to-night in the Committee on Cities over the Washington Market bill, authorizing the City officers to acquire a block of ground near the present market site, in order to keep the market wagons from going up town. There were eight members of the committee present, Messrs. Slingerland and Comstock not having arrived, and Mr. Ash, of Buffalo, being sick at home. The result of the meeting was that Messrs. Vernum, Carpenter, Brodsky, and Hoffman voted to report the bill for the consideration of the House, and Messrs. Dugald, Baker, Deane, and Treanor voted to make an adverse report.

AVENGING AN INDIAN MURDER.

CHICAGO, May 17.—A dispatch from Deadwood, Dakota, says: A party of 25 men who were in pursuit of the slayers of John Deffenbach, (on the 20th of last month,) after following the trail, which circled all over Powder River Valley, on Thursday came upon a camp of 18 Indians on a tributary of Little Powder River, and at once charged the camp. A running fight occurred, lasting two hours, when the Indians scattered themselves in every direction, leaving four of their number dead. The village, with all its equipage and 77 of Deffenbach's ponies, fell into the hands of the pursuers. Joseph Ridlen, a rancher, living at the confluence of Belle Fourche and Crow Creek, was killed and buried on the field. The ponies were driven to Spearfish and the pursuers returned home.

NASHVILLE'S CELEBRATION.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 17.—Company K and Battery A, of the Missouri National Guards; Battery A, of the Louisiana Flying Artillery, and Battery A, of the Louisville Artillery, have arrived here, and the Chickasaw Guards will arrive from Memphis to-morrow morning. Three companies from the Crescent City Battalion will reach here to-morrow night. Three batteries and one cavalry company will contest for prizes to-morrow; eight infantry companies will contend for the centennial prizes on Wednesday, and on Thursday Hill's equestrian statue of Jackson will be unveiled. Gen. Joseph Wheeler and Pennypacker, of the United States Army, are here, and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston will arrive to-morrow evening.

THE GOSS AND RYAN PRIZE-FIGHT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 17.—Goss and party left here for Erie early this morning. No particulars of where the fight will take place can be obtained to-night.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

THE TURKISH, EGYPTIAN, AND AFGHAN TROUBLES.

A COMPLETE RUPTURE BETWEEN ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA—THE RED SEA SLAVE TRADE—THE AMEERSHIP OF AFGHANISTAN.

LONDON, May 17.—A Vienna dispatch says: "The strained relations between Roumania and Bulgaria have now come to a complete rupture. The recall of the Roumanian representatives has been followed by that of the Bulgarian agents. The end was brought about by Bulgaria instructing that Roumania was secretly supporting the insurrection in Bulgaria, and by studied discourtesy to the Roumanian representatives."

Since the departure from Egypt of Gordon Pasha there has been a great revival of the slave trade on the Red Sea, which is greatly encouraged by reports circulated far and wide that Gordon Pasha was dismissed from office. A dispatch from Alexandria says that owing to further arrivals of slaves at Assioot and Cairo, and of the apathy of the Egyptian officers, the Egyptian Government, by the request of the British Consul-General, has intrusted Count Sala, an Austrian officer, with a special mission to Assioot.

A dispatch from Kabul says: "Should Abdurrahman Khan hesitate to meet our views, a candidate for the Ameership will doubtless be chosen from the family of the late Shere Alf—perhaps Ayoob Khan, his son, or Hashim Khan, his son-in-law. The excitement throughout the country from the uncertainty of the future is considerable, but it is less than formerly, and the chances for a pacific settlement are increasing. Gen. Roberts pursues his march through the Logar Valley towards Maidan."

A dispatch from Kandahar says: "The new Wali of Kandahar has returned from Arghasten, after completely pacifying the disturbed districts. He was formally inducted as Governor, and was presented with various gifts from the Viceroy."

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 17.—Replying to the collective note of the powers urging the reoccupation by Turkish troops of the evacuated positions now occupied by the Albanians, the Porte proposes the formation of an international commission of inquiry. Replying to the demand of the Austrian and Italian Ambassadors that a cordon of troops be formed around the Albanian districts, the Grand Vizier stated that Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha has been ordered to prevent the formation of insurgent bands and to court-martial persons distributing arms.

The majority of the foreign Ambassadors support the demand of Austria and Italy that a cordon be formed around the disturbed districts in Albania.

LONDON, May 18.—A dispatch from Kabul says: "Deserters from Herat report that city to be in a state of anarchy. Ayoob Khan is practically a prisoner, and the troops are oppressing the people. Some regiments are mutinous in their demands for arrears of pay."

A Paris correspondent learns that France will take the initiative in demanding from the Porte the acceptation of an International Commission of Supervision and Administration for Turkey.

A ROMISH WAR ON BISMARCK.

TOTAL REPEAL OF THE MAY LAWS DEMANDED—A GENERAL CRUSADE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, May 17.—A dispatch from Berlin says: "The Ultramontanes are resolved to recommence the war against Prince Bismarck and stir up the Catholic population against the Government. The first important meeting of Catholics has been held at Dortmund, Province of Westphalia, at which 20,000 persons were present, including many noblemen and influential leaders. The meeting fully approved the attitude of the Centre Party in the Reichstag, and expressed the hope that the Catholics would move in the Reichstag for a law making the Ministers responsible for their acts. The Catholics demand the total abolition of the May laws. The Catholic press have undertaken a general crusade to excite hatred and mistrust against the Government. Two members of the party, Prince Edmund Radziwill and Count Ballestrem, have gone to Rome to give some explanation on the state of affairs to the leaders at the Vatican and to receive instructions. The Bundesrath will prolong its sitting some weeks longer. It will be prorogued until October, when the new business regulations will come in force, and the Council will be composed quite differently, as all the leading German Ministers will participate in discussions.

A Berlin dispatch says: "Emperor William has given his assent to the draft of a measure for introduction in the Prussian Diet modifying the Falk laws."

THE INDIAN BUDGET DEFICIT.

SIR JOHN STRACHEY AND LORD LYTTON BLAMED—VICIOUS GOVERNMENT METHODS.

LONDON, May 17.—A Calcutta dispatch says: "The entire press and public pronounce the Government's explanation of the deficit in the Indian budget as worse than the original blunder. Sir John Strachey has shown himself utterly unfit for the post of Finance Minister, and he and Lord Lytton, (in a somewhat less degree,) must bear the chief blame. The Vernacular Press acts may not improbably be carried out by the new Government."

The *Times*, in its financial article this morning, says: "The question of the business management of the India Office continues to occupy the attention of many persons in the city. It is stated that in November last, while the India Council was paying from 34s. to 35s. per ton for carrying rails to India, the great Indian Peninsula Railway Company was paying only 25s. per ton. In other cases discrepancies of 5s. per ton between the charges in Government contracts and those of private companies are too numerous to mention. A most vicious system seems to have prevailed for years, by which the Government of India was compelled to pay the highest possible price for everything. Few of the leaks of the Marquis of Harlington, Secretary of State for India, promise to be more difficult than that of reforming the India Office. The subject will likely come before Parliament soon after the opening."

FRENCH CABINET AFFAIRS.

M. LEPERE'S RESIGNATION—M. SAY A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

LONDON, May 17.—A Paris dispatch says: "The retirement of M. Lepere, Minister of the Interior and of Worship, cannot be regarded as weakening the Cabinet. The Ministry of the Interior, on the advent of the Waddington Cabinet, was saddled with the Ministry of Public Worship which M. Jules Ferry could not take, and this responsibility soon seemed to become too heavy for M. Lepere's shoulders. This insufficiency became striking, and people soon began to see that the chief source of M. Lepere's strength was the energetic protection accorded him by M. Gambetta.

PARIS, May 17.—M. Tirard, Minister of Commerce, speaking at Auch, in the Department of Gers, to-day, said that the country was proceeding steadily in the path of progress and liberty, and was prepared to repel all aggressions; that the Republic was ready to stretch out its arms to all the children of France, even to those who cherished unjust prejudices; and that the Government was far from being desirous of initiating religious persecution, but were resolved to enforce strictly execution of the laws.

A decree appointing M. Cornet Minister of the Interior and of Worship, vice M. Lepere, resigned, has been signed.

LONDON, May 18.—A Paris correspondent confirms the report that M. Léon Say is expected there on Wednesday to become a candidate for the Presidency of the Senate. The correspondent adds that it would be far from surprising if M. Say should resign the Ambassadorship at London, but an Anglo-French commercial treaty will probably be concluded under his influence.

BRITISH POLITICS.

THE HOME RULERS ORGANIZING—DISCUSSING THEIR PARLIAMENTARY POLICY.

DUBLIN, May 17.—At a meeting of the Home Rule Party here to-day, the Right Hon. E. Dwyer Gray proposed that Mr. William Shaw be elected Sessional Chairman. The O'Gorman Mahon proposed the election of Mr. Parnell, and Mr. J. C. Fay proposed the abolition of the Chairmanship. After a protracted discussion, Mr. Parnell was elected by a vote of 33 to 18. Eighteen Home Rulers were absent from the meeting, and 43 were present. Mr. Richard Power proposed that the Home Rulers should hold aloof from all English political parties, and sit on the Opposition benches. The discussion was finally adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. A. M. Sullivan has finally decided to contest Meath.

LONDON, May 17.—In the election at Mallow for the re-election of Mr. William M. Johnson on his appointment as Solicitor General, the vote stood: Johnson, (Liberal,) 201; Kelly, (Parnellite,) 83.

LONDON, May 18.—Mr. Goschen, the new British Minister to the Porte, has started for Paris on his way to Constantinople.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

ROME, May 17.—The election for members of the Chamber of Deputies has resulted as follows: One hundred and forty-four Ministerialists elected, 112 Constitutionalists, and 54 members of the Dissident Left. There will be 189 second ballots, of which 68 will probably result in the choice of Ministerialists, 53 Constitutionalists, and 18 members of the Dissident Left.

LONDON, May 17.—A dispatch from Rome says: "The Pope has recently undergone successfully a painful operation. The Pope would much like to pass the Summer at Perugia, but he is not prepared to face the storm of opposition, reproach, and menace he would have to encounter if he did so. It is, meanwhile, no secret to his medical advisers that to remain in Rome all the Summer is, perhaps, to run an immediate risk of his life, and certainly to shorten it."

The *Sperlonda* says: "Robert W. Boyd, the caterer, has completed arrangements for his trip to the United States. He will leave Newcastle on Thursday, the 20th inst., and sail with several friends from Glasgow in the State Line steamer State of Pennsylvania, which leaves that port for New-York on Friday, the 21st. Boyd is in the best of health, and has completed a first-class preparation."

LONDON, May 18.—A Rome dispatch says: "Of 326 Deputies elected, 170 are Ministerialists, 60 members of the Dissident Left, and 106 of the Right."

A St. Petersburg dispatch states that 19,000 men will be sent to Amur and 12,000 to Kuldja.

A Paris correspondent announces that the labor strikes in the north of France are on the point of terminating.

An Ober-Ammergau correspondent reports the first performance of the Passion Play took place on Monday. Eight thousand persons were present. The representation was very successful. A large preponderance of those present were Americans and English.

MURDERS BY THE INDIANS.

FOLLOWING VICTORIA'S HAND—DOUBTS OF THE REPORTED MASSACRE.

FORT LOWELL, May 17.—The following from Capt. Madden, dated from the head of San Francisco River, May 14, has just been received here by way of Apache to-day: "I arrived here to-night, and have traveled hard for three days and two nights in pursuit of Victoria's Indians; but they are still a day ahead of me. They got away from here last night with 30 horses. They have so far to my knowledge killed 11 men, 2 women, and 4 children, and I have heard of 29 others being killed. I left Silver City on the 4th inst. with crackers, bacon, and coffee for myself and men for four days. We have since been living on what little we could get from citizens. I had to abandon one of my horses to-day. The rest are utterly worn out, and I fear I shall now have to abandon the chase. Everything now leads to the belief that Victoria is heading for Stevens's ranch, or somewhere in that vicinity, to procure ammunition. I am of the impression that Victoria's band has been largely reinforced. The country people in that region are excited, and whole settlements are being broken up."

This confirms the report of extensive Indian depredations in New-Mexico. Stevens reports that Tupper and Kramer have overtaken Victoria near Clifton, and have lost one man killed. Madden has probably joined Tupper or Gen. Hatch. The latter is due somewhere in this vicinity. He was in San Francisco Valley 90 miles north-east of Bayard, on May 11, on a large Indian trail, numbering about 300. Kramer fought only part of the Indians with Victoria, on Ash Creek, on May 12. Gen. Carr is organizing another command to be sent from Camp Thomas, under Capt. Hentig to the head of the San Francisco. The command will consist of Companies D and F, of the Fifth Cavalry, and Company A of the Indian scouts.

LOS PINOS AGENCY, Col., May 16.—The reported massacre by White River Utes of Bradbury's party of prospectors from Del Norte is disbelieved. Chief Ouray has no confirmation. Acting Agent Sherman, under orders from the department and at Ouray's request, followed the party nine miles up the North Fork of the Gunnison to warn them off the reservation, and of the danger they were incurring. He found it impossible to overtake them, as they were evidently making marches for Eagle River, prompted doubtless by a visit from the White River Utes several days previous to his arrival at their abandoned camp, at the junction of Water and Gunnison Rivers. A party of some twenty-five arrived as Indians report that Bradbury's party claimed to be Mormons bound for Utah, though traveling in an opposite direction. Dr. McKenzie's scout, Gibson, is here, but does not report any forward movement of troops. The Gunnison country is swarming with prospectors. Chief Ouray is waiting patiently, though anxiously, for the passage of the Ute bill, as the delay of Congress is endangering the lives of the settlers along the borders of the reservation.

A CLERGYMAN'S BOLD UTTERANCES.

ROCHESTER, May 17.—A sensation has been caused here by the Rev. Myron Adams, Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, who last evening called his people together, saying he had something to say which might affect his standing in the Church. Selecting for his text "Let Love be Without Dissimulation," he boldly denounced the idea of hell as the doctrine of the devil, and took the position of Oliver Farrar, to wit: "Here I declare and call God to witness that if the popular idea of hell were true I should be willing to renounce an immortality of happiness, if thereby I could save a single soul. I can conceive of no happy immortality while millions of my fellow-creatures, some of whom I had dearly loved, were at the same time writhing in agony, and without hope." He thinks the Church is declining, and says Bishop Simpson's statement in his sermon at Cincinnati, on Sunday of last week, was a sort of whistling to keep up courage. Skepticism, he says, was crushing the Church, and the Church was to be blamed for preaching a false doctrine about the future condition of the race. The sermon produced a profound sensation. It is not believed that Mr. Adams will be forced to resign as the principal members of his congregation stand by him. Mr. Adams is a graduate of Hamilton College and the Auburn Theological Seminary, is about 40 years old, and is one of the most thoughtful and eloquent preachers in the city.

BIDS FOR CINCINNATI BONDS.

CINCINNATI, May 17.—The Sin

lish some facts not yet made public in regard to the case. Lieut. Knight asked:

"Have you any personal knowledge of facts which tend to clear Whittaker, which are not known to this court?"

"I have not."

"If you possessed such knowledge, would you give it to this court?"

"I certainly would."

Prof. Greener said to the TIMES correspondent at the close of the session that he had no facts to clear Whittaker, and had not attended to be so reported. But he believes that the anonymous note is a forgery, and that the whole case is a conspiracy against Whittaker.

Recorder Sears, at the conclusion of the Professor's testimony, arose and said:

"There is one matter upon which I think it is my duty to report to the court to finish up and round off the proceedings. It will be remembered that on the occasion of the examination of Mr. Fiero, who came here under the protection, or in company with, his chief—we didn't call Mr. Woodford, but he came all the same—when it was proposed to call Mr. Woodford, he gave me this note, which I will again read." Here the Recorder read the note, stating that Mr. Fiero would decline to testify in the case, but was willing to tell the Recorder privately all that he knew. "Therefore," continued the Recorder, "it becomes my duty to inform the court what information I received, and what action I have taken on that information. The information was from that note that Mr. Fiero possessed facts, or some knowledge which he did not care to have made public, for fear of interfering with the investigation by the Grand Jury, but which he would communicate to me privately, and I could take such action as was proper, or bring it to the attention of the court in closed session, so that it could be investigated without letting these facts out to the public to the injury of that investigation. As a result of this note, I was closeted with Mr. Fiero for some 25 minutes, and he gave me no information whatever. This, then, is either bad faith, that is to say, they had information and did not give it to me, but left me to infer that they would, or else they wanted to hide the fact from this court and the public that they had no information. There was as little rumor that no intelligent man—a member of that body which Mr. Fiero said so grandiloquently was the highest court in the land—would consider five minutes or five seconds, so that it left me without any information whatever, except two idle rumors, one based upon an anonymous letter of an ignorant and prejudiced person; and for the other there was no authority given whatever. That is my report upon that matter."

After this report by the Recorder the court adjourned until to-morrow morning. It is confidently asserted that the taking of testimony will be concluded at this session. The arguments of the Recorder and Lieut. Knight will probably be submitted in writing, instead of orally.

RENEWING THE CUBAN STRUGGLE.

GEN. INIGUEZ APPOINTED PRESIDENT—HIS PROCLAMATION WHEN ENTERING CUBA.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—At a meeting of the Cuban Revolutionary Club of this city, this evening, a letter was read stating that a telegram from Jamica, signed by Miguel Barret, had been received, announcing that a Provisional Government had been formed in Cuba, with Gen. Iniguez as President, P. O. Rosad as Minister of Interior and War, Señor Rosepes as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Senator La Madrid as Diplomatic Commissioner to the United States. A great deal of gratification was expressed by the members, and renewed hope was cherished of the successful termination of the war. Before adjournment, the meeting adopted a series of resolutions pledging their compatriots in Cuba continued practical support and tendering the thanks of the Cubans to the American press and people for support and encouragement.

The following is the full text of proclamations issued by Gen. Calixto Garcia Iniguez upon his arrival in Cuba:

To the People of Cuba:

In returning to Cuba, still supported I commence with the same cry that I uttered 25 years ago. If we were justified then in raising the standard of independence and rebellion, now and greater crimes have caused us to take up the same cry. Independence or be born out by its rock. I have never desired the success of the struggle. Gathering around me the vast elements of our command, I will uphold the present Cuban Revolutionary Government, and hold, that little iota too, never any. Our treaty of Zanjon, it is not that which guides me to war, but the treaty which we formulate for our liberty. Cuba, free, will pass judgment on those who, in the name of securing our property in the future constitution, have sought to make us slaves to a foreign power

BRAVELY FACING PIRATES

MATE WILLIAMS, SINGLE-HANDED, ATTACKS THREE MEN.

DRIVEN OVERBOARD, THEY UPSET THEIR BOAT, CONTAINING TWO COMPANIONS—THE MATE HAULS THEM ABOARD AND HANDCUFFS THEM—ONE MAN DISABLED AND DROWNED.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, the schooner Victor, commanded by R. Tickett, lay off College Point waiting orders to sail for the West Indies, with a general cargo. Near her lay the schooner Eliza and Rebecca, commanded by E. A. Price, waiting to go to New-York in ballast. Out of Flushing Bay came a row-boat, in which were James Morse, James McMahon, alias Kit Shanahan, Thomas Riley, Joseph Lynch, and William O'Rourke. They were on a marauding expedition, and cautiously approached the Victor. Hauling alongside, three of them climbed over the rail and went to the aft companion-way. On board the schooner was the mate, John Williams, a handsome, fearless, intrepid young fellow. He was awakened by the noise of the row-boat grating against the ship's side, and sleepily rolled out of his berth and walked to the companion-way to see what was passing. As he was about to emerge from the cabin, he was confronted by two of the marauders, and a revolver was thrust in his face with a command to keep quiet or have his brains blown out.

Williams was thoroughly awakened by the incident, and dashing back into his cabin, procured two revolvers. He marched defiantly to the companion-way, and as he reached the deck he fired one shot at random. The marauders retreated to the forward end of the vessel, and three shots were fired by them at Williams, who stood in the companion-way and fired small ball in rapid succession over the rail. A moment later there was a splashing and cursing, and Williams, in the darkness, saw that the men, in getting hurriedly into their boat, had upset it. The boat drifted to the stern of the schooner, and several voices from the point where the vessel climbed over the rail implored succor. Williams went to work systematically. With the aid of two sailors who had hardily come on deck, he prepared irons to manacle the men made prisoners by an accident, and pulled them on deck one by one, ironed them, and placed them in the cabin.

Search was made for the boat and the rest of the thieves, of whom three—Riley, McMahon, and Lynch—had been captured. The noise of the firing had been heard on the Eliza and Rebecca, and the master, Elijah Price, seeing a man clinging to a river-boat filled with water, put out and secured Morse, and handed him over to Williams. The prisoner admitted that O'Rourke, who was one of the men who boarded the Victor, was lost. They were impelled to the attempt by the shots fired by Williams, and had disabled him so that he could not save himself. When the tug General Mead came to tow the Eliza and Rebecca to New-York, the four prisoners were transferred to her, and at the foot of East Twenty-third-street a policeman of the Eighteenth Precinct was hailed, and, at the request of Williams, Capt. Clinchy sent a squad of officers on board the tug, and the prisoners were brought ashore. They were subsequently taken to Police Head-quarters, and Superintendent Walling ordered their photographs to be taken for the Rogues' Gallery. They are young men, with hardened faces, and Morse and McMahon have criminal records.

In the afternoon they were arraigned before Justice Morgan, in the Fifty-seventh-Street Police Court, by Capt. Clinchy and Officers Schroff, Harris, Malloy, and Heanessy. Affidavits were made by John Williams, the mate of the Victor, and Capt. Price of the Eliza and Rebecca. In the record-book Morse was entered as a native of Ireland, aged 22, and Riley, McMahon, and Lynch as natives of the United States, and aged 19, 20, and 19 years respectively. They refused to say where they resided, and were committed for further examination to-day. Soon after their incarceration in cells of the Fifty-seventh-Street Prison they were supplied with City clothing. Each of the prisoners had substantially the same story to tell. On Sunday, they said, they met O'Rourke, who, it is supposed, was drowned, at the foot of North Moore-street, in a rawl-boat. Accepting his invitation to go up the river they followed him into the boat, and having two bottles of whisky with them, all were drunk when they reached Flushing Bay. They remained all night in that vicinity, and signaling the Victor early in the morning, decided to go aboard for a drink of water. Morse and O'Rourke accorded the vessel, leaving the boat in charge of their three companions, and, while engaged in looking for the water, were confronted by the mate, Williams, who began firing. In their haste to get away the boat was capsized. A bullet from the mate's pistol struck O'Rourke, who, crying "Save me, save me," relaxed his hold and disappeared beneath the surface of the water. The pistol found in the bottom of the boat belonged, Morse asserts, to O'Rourke, who was the only one of the five armed.

THE VALUED POLICY BILL.

INSURANCE MEN EARNESTLY PROTESTING AGAINST ITS PASSAGE.

Representatives of 95 fire insurance companies responded to the call issued by the New-York Board of Fire Underwriters for a meeting in the rooms of the board yesterday, to take action on the proposed "Valued Policy" bill now before the Legislature, under whose provisions companies are sought to be compelled to pay the insurer the full value of his policy, irrespective of the actual loss, where fraud or incendiarism cannot be proved. A memorial was adopted remonstrating against the passage of the bill, because, First—Its provisions will convert a simple contract of indemnity into a wager policy, remove all interest or care of the insured in the protection of his property, and offer a premium to incendiarism. Secondly—It will change the whole theory of fire insurance, being in direct opposition to the tenor of all the decisions of the court, both here and in England. Thirdly—It will stimulate and encourage over-insurance, and, as a consequence, arson. Fourthly—It will necessitate onerous additional expense in determining the value of property which it is proposed to insure, thereby largely increasing the premium. Fifthly—It offers a direct inducement to crime, fraud being a thing well-nigh impossible to prove in these cases. Sixthly—Its tendency is to lessen enormously the destruction of property by fire, thereby increasing the tax to the commonwealth of the State interested. Seventhly—It would be to the positive disadvantage of honest policy-holders, who now under the law have power to require their losses to be determined by disinterested arbitrators, chosen from among their neighbors, and who will be compelled to pay their share of the losses, when may accrue to dishonest and designing men. Finally, the remonstrance concludes, "In the judgment of the members of this board the passage of this bill will largely promote incendiarism, and increase the business transaction of fraudulent and dishonest kind, tend to demoralize the citizens of the State by giving the sanction of law to fraud, and rob the state of its high position it has hitherto maintained of leading the legislation of this country in the footing it has ever exercised in protecting the great interests of fire insurance so important and indispensable to the business and mercantile relations, not only of this State and City, but those of the whole country as well."

In the course of the discussion it took place that the gentlemen present seemed to have little faith in the efficacy of any appeal to the Legislature, but it was agreed that it would be only a matter of duty to sign the memorial. The document was printed during the afternoon, and copies were forwarded to every member of the Legislature.

Before adjournment official notice was given of the death of the late Isaac N. St. John, President of the Lenox Company, and senior member of the board. Committees were appointed to draft suitable resolutions and to attend the funeral.

THE RING ALDERMEN.

REPUBLICANS COMBINING WITH TAMMANY MEN TO DEFEAT MR. GARDNER.

The Tammany Aldermen, who are aided by three of their Republican colleagues—Messrs. McCaffrey, Farley, and Finck—intend to adopt a new line of tactics for the purpose of preventing the confirmation of Mr. Hugh Gardner for the office of Police Commissioner, in the place of Mr. Dewitt C. Wheeler, whose term expired over two years ago. They induced a sufficient number of the members to absent themselves from the meetings of the board during the past fortnight, and thus prevented a quorum, so that the Mayor had no opportunity to act upon Mr. Gardner's name for the position. They have agreed, however, to carry out a different programme at the weekly meeting of the board to-day. It is proposed that immediately after the roll is called some one of their number shall present resolutions of condolence at the death of Judge Church, and when they are adopted move for an adjournment. They will then make their nomination for a Police Commissioner, and will be transmitted to the Mr. Gardner's friends, so that an opportunity may be given them to organize, so that an opportunity will be given to place it before the Senate.

It was rumored yesterday that the one of the Republican Aldermen showed himself willing to vote for Mr. McAvoy, the Mayor's candidate for Superintendent of Public Works, on condition that the former should be named for Police Commissioner. The Aldermen, however, denied the report.

THE WEST-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL.

Controller Kelly, Chamberlain Tappen, Recorder Smith, and Dock Commissioner Vanderpoel were forwarded to Lieut.-Gov. Hoskins, President of the Senate, a protest against the passage of the West-street Improvement bill. They say: "The interests of this City which will be prejudiced by the passage of this bill are so vast and incalculable that the undersigned feel it to be their imperative duty to respectfully request that you will submit this communication for the consideration of the Senate, and that you will not hesitate to pass the bill, provided that this bill is not indorsed by the authorities of the City, that every interest in the City, commercial bodies having the welfare and interest of the City at heart, the Chamber of Commerce of the City, the Board of Trade, the Council of Trade and Exchange, and other bodies, have, solicited and transmitted to the Legislature or its committees in behalf of the City, and setting forth unanswerable reasons why the bill should not become law. A large number of our most prominent citizens and largest tax-payers have also publicly opposed the bill, demonstrating it as one of the most dangerous schemes to compromise the rights of the City ever proposed in the Legislature. Nearly the entire press of the City has given its voice as opposed to the measure, and asked that the Legislature shall leave the legal questions involved for the decision of the courts, where they properly belong and now remain. Any officer of the City Government who has favored, or advocated this bill in any way, has taken such action in his private and individual capacity, and not officially. In conclusion, they say: "The undersigned, therefore, most respectfully submit to the Senate that the interests of the City, which are as vast and few which they guarantee during their respective terms of office, demand that no legislation should be had so entirely, or even half-heartedly by this West-Street Improvement bill, when the courts of the State have already decided such property and rights belong exclusively to the Corporation of the City of New-York."

THE WARREN INQUIRY.

TESTIMONY OF THE GENERAL WHO LED A DIVISION OF THE FIFTH CORPS.

At the opening of yesterday's session of the Warren Court of Inquiry, on Governor's Island, Mr. J. B. Cotton, a civil engineer, in the employment of the United States, was called to verify certain maps prepared by himself for the applicant. Then Col. R. B. Ayres, of the Second Artillery, who was a Major-General in 1863, and commanded the division of the Fifth Corps that appeared to falter at Five Forks, took the stand. After detailing the strength and disposition of his forces on Friday morning, the day before the battle of Five Forks, Col. Ayres testified that he was directed by Gen. Warren, who had received the order from Gen. Meade, to make a reconnoissance of the enemy's lines along the White Oak road. He formed his troops, with one brigade from Crawford's division, and advanced cautiously, in order to ascertain the enemy's force. He was not left long in doubt. About 500 yards from the White Oak road he was suddenly confronted by a large body of the enemy, embracing an entire infantry division, with some cavalry, which pushed him gradually back upon Griffin and Crawford. Later in the day the whole corps was formed in order of battle, and the enemy was repulsed and driven back beyond the White Oak road. The Fifth Corps bivouacked within a few hundred yards of Gen. Lee's right, and directly under the rebel works in front of Petersburg. The division was withdrawn without delay upon the succession, a little after sundown, of the order from Gen. Warren, directing the movement by way of the Boydton road. The ground was the worst in the world—difficult in the day time, and almost impracticable at night—broken, heavily wooded, and full to up by water courses. Having got his men in motion on the Boydton road, Gen. Ayres repaired to Gen. Warren's head-quarters, and they discussed the situation. Gen. Warren said that Gen. Sheridan's peril was imminent, and there must be no delay in effecting a junction with him, or at least getting within supporting distance. The division moved as rapidly as possible. About a mile south of the Run Gen. Ayres was met by an officer from Gen. Sheridan's head-quarters. It was the impression that the officer was Col. George A. Forsyth; he had since been told that it was not, but he still believed that his impression was correct. Col. Forsyth rode up and directed him to turn into a road which lay about a mile in his rear, a cross-road running nearly east and west—which would bring his division into action upon the rear of the enemy. The sun was just rising, and that was the only means he had at present of fixing the time. At witness' recollected the events of the morning, it was about 8 o'clock when Gen. Sheridan joined him on the road to Five Forks. Gen. Sheridan bade him good morning, and if he felt any dissatisfaction, or thought there had been any delay, he did not show any sign of it.

Col. Ayres next described the movement of the Fifth Corps toward Five Forks, which commenced about 10 o'clock. The witness's division was formed near Gravelly Run Church road, with his flank leading north to the White Oak road, resting upon the road. His first brigade left nearly every officer and 800 men on the field at the battle of the Wilderness. At the battle on the Weldon Railroad they were behind works one day. On not a single other occasion during the war had his men fought behind breast-works.

Gen. Winthrop (commanding the reserve brigade) was ordered, if any gap was opened at the right by the movements of Crawford, to throw his brigade into it at double quick. The division advanced about 1,000 yards through a piece of woods in front, and broke into an open field through which ran the White Oak road. A staff officer rode up to Gen. Ayres and called his attention to a piece of woods to the right and front, as probably sheltering a large force of the enemy, and he directed an order to Winthrop to lose no time in executing a movement intended to protect his right from an enfilading fire. When they were nearly across the opening the rebels delivered a heavy volley from a piece of woods and the action commenced in earnest. Owing to a mistaken order, one of the brigades came up at double quick, which broke the regularity of the advance, and gave an appearance of disorder. There was no facing about, no random firing, and it was the impression of the witness that he did not throw out any skirmish line in making the attack upon the enemy. The men took advantage of the ridges and other inequalities of the surface to protect themselves against the enemy's fire. This was all the ground there was for the statement that his division was thrown into confusion. There was really no such thing in the proper sense of the term, and he was not in the least apprehensive for the success of the day. Order was soon restored by the personal exertions of Gen. Sheridan and the witness, and the troops advanced to the attack. Our men had the blaze of the rebel guns right in their faces. Shortly afterward the rebels, they made a rush, and the works were carried. Our boys took 3,100 prisoners and 9 battle-flags right there in the corner of the rebel defenses; and it was all done by two brigades that numbered only 1,600 men in all.

On his cross-examination Col. Ayres repeated the exact language of Col. Forsyth on the morning of April 1. Col. Forsyth seized up on the road and said: "Gen. Ayres, Gen. Sheridan wishes you to turn into a road about a mile back that will bring you upon the rear of the enemy. You were not expected so soon as Gen. Sheridan's head-quarters, or a messenger would have met you before." Witness understood from what Col. Forsyth said that his movement was suggested by Sheridan as having been executed with promptitude. Major Gardner then cross-examined the witness respecting the conversation among his troops, alleged by Gen. Sheridan and his witnesses to have prevailed at the beginning of the action. He replied that he was with the front line during the advance. He did not think the men wavered under the rebel fire. Some apparent disorder had been created by the mistaken order referred to in his direct examination. He remembered riding back with Sheridan, who had his hat in his hand and was waving it, and reprimanding the brigade pretty sharply. Possibly he used strong language, for there was very little time to look up gentle terms in the dictionary.

The court then adjourned until 11 o'clock to-day.

BURGLARS IN WILLIAMSBURG.

HOW THE ROBBERY OF A JEWELER'S SHOP WAS FRUSTRATED.

Special Officer Dailey, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, tried the door of Jacob Morch's jewelry store, No. 110 Broadway, Williamsburg. Looking through the glass he saw a portion of a man's body in a crouching position near the safe. He called Officer Brown and Roundsmen Nicholson, whom he had just left. Brown and Nicholson went to the rear of the building through an alley-way, and left Dailey to guard the front. As the officers climbed over the fence to get into the back yard they saw two other men at work on the safe. The burglars saw the officers at the same time. Without a moment's hesitation they pulled their revolvers and dashed for the front of the store. One of their number, picking up a large bronze figure as they ran, smashed the plate glass in the front window with it. Through the aperture the men jumped into the street. Dailey tried to stop them but his revolver missed fire, and the burglars, starting in different directions, escaped. One of them was subsequently identified by Dailey as the man who threw the bronze figure through the window, and also as an expert New-York thief, who has just been released from State Prison. A coat soaked with blood, in the pocket of which was a cocked revolver, was found opposite No. 85 Fourth-street about 9 o'clock. It is supposed that the coat belonged to one of the burglars, who cut himself in jumping through the window, and threw away the blood-stained garment to avoid detection. The Police think that they will be able to find Leroy's companions. There was $20,000 worth of jewelry in the safe which the burglars were trying to open when discovered. A full set of burglars' tools of the most improved pattern was found near the safe.

JOHN F. JENKINS'S ESTATE.

John F. Jenkins, at one time Register of Westchester County, in 1871 borrowed the sum of $2,000—$1,000 each from the estate of James M. Jenkins, of Mount Vernon; George H. Mead, of New-York, and Prof. J. Schubert, of White Plains. Four years afterward he went to Florida, and died there. Before he went away he put a portion of his property in trust in the hands of three friends of his at White Plains. After his death, the Trustees told this transaction, but did not feeling enough to pay all his debts. Mr. Mead brought suit against the estate for the value of his note, and got judgment. Mr. James M. Jenkins appeared in the appointed guardian of John F. Jenkins's children, who, at the time of his death, were minors, living on property in two towns. The minors and being sent of matters, Mr. Mead's court on them, and not indemnent. When the children

of the property, and it was brought by Mr. Stephen M. Greenfield, of Sing Sing, a brother-in-law of Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Mead has now brought a suit in the Surrogate's Court of Westchester County to have the Trustees removed. The claim of Prof. Schubert, Mr. Sherwood says, was not a bona fide one. The Surrogate will render his decision in a few days.

EXAMINING COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE BOYS OF COLUMBIA TELLING ALL THEY KNOW TO THE EXAMINERS.

The closing examinations of the collegiate year at Columbia College and the College School of Mines began yesterday, and the students will be heartily glad when they are over. The Seniors were examined by Profs. Drisler and Peck and Mr. Scott in Greek, calculus, and Anglo-Saxon. The Juniors told all they knew of political economy to Prof. Smith. Prof. Short heard the Sophomores in Latin, and also examined them for scholarship in letters. The Freshmen struggled with mathematics under Prof. Drisler, who also examined them for scholarship in science. To-day the Seniors will be examined by Prof. Alexander in psychology and by Prof. Chandler in chemistry. To-morrow Prof. Peck will hear them in astronomy. On Wednesday they will recite in physics to Prof. Rood, and on Friday Profs. Short, Rood, and Smith will hear them in Latin, higher physics, and political economy. Prof. Burgess will examine them in constitutional law on Monday of next week. Prof. Newberry in geology on Tuesday, and Prof. Alexander in history of philosophy on Wednesday, when the long agony will come to an end. The Juniors will go through the mill to-day under Prof. Drisler in Greek and in scholarship in letters, the latter being continued on Wednesday, Thursday and Monday. To-morrow, Prof. Nairne will hear the class in English literature; Prof. Short will hear them in Latin on Thursday; Prof. Peck in mechanics on Friday; Prof. Alexander in logic on Monday, and Prof. Rood in physics on Tuesday. On Friday and Tuesday the Juniors will also be examined for scholarship in science. Mathematics will be the bane of the Sophomores, under Prof. Van Amringe, to-day, and to-morrow the class will display its knowledge of the constitutional history of England in the presence of Prof. Smith. Prof. Drisler will examine the class in Greek on Thursday; Prof. Nairne in history of English literature on Friday; Prof. Chandler in chemistry on Monday, and Mr. Scott in Anglo-Saxon on Tuesday. Sophomore examinations for scholarship in science will also be held to-day and on Monday, and for scholarship in letters to-morrow and Thursday. The Freshmen will recite in rhetoric to-day to Dr. Quackenbos; in Greek to-morrow to Dr. Merriam; in Greek history and Roman antiquities (half of class) on Thursday to Prof. Schmidt; in Latin (class) on Friday, and in Grecian history and Roman antiquities (half of class) on Monday to Prof. Schmidt. In addition, examinations for scholarship in letters occur to-day, to-morrow, and Friday. Examinations for the Junior Greek prize will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 20 and 21. Candidates for admission to the college will be examined on June 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The examinations in the School of Mines, which began yesterday, will not close until Saturday, May 22. The First Year Class will finish its work, however, on Saturday next. On Wednesday night of next week the Sophomores will hold their great annual, the annual burial of some particularly obnoxious text-book. The doomed book this year is one of the text-books on Anglo-Saxon, and the procession of mourners will leave the Worth monument at 10 o'clock P. M.

A DRAFT RIOT REMINISCENCE.

THE PRODUCE MEN RECALLING THEIR DEEDS ON THAT OCCASION.

On July 14, 1863, on the outbreak of the draft riots, an appeal was made by the authorities to all law-abiding citizens to organize for the purpose of putting down the mob. That same morning the members of the Produce Exchange held a meeting, and 91 immediately volunteered. At 3 P. M. they reported at the Seventh Regiment Armory, and were enrolled into two companies of a regiment of minute-men, then forming under the direction of the officers of that regiment. At 4 o'clock news came of the gathering of a dangerous mob at Nineteenth-street and Second-avenue. Col. Wilstow ordered out the two Produce Exchange companies and another, and taking with him two Gatling guns led his undrilled men to the scene of rioting. They were hotly attacked, and a severe engagement ensued, during which four members of the Exchange were wounded. They were J. McLane, shot in the forehead; W. H. Buxton, shot in the right temple; Hill, shot in the foot, and D. H. Birdsall, shot through the wrist, the ball entering the abdomen, where it remains to this day, the surgeons having been unable to extract it. Many of the rioters were killed. The main body of the mob was driven into the houses, whence they poured a storm of shots and missiles upon the troops. Col. Wilstow, who was himself wounded in the thigh, not having sufficient force to dislodge them, ordered his little command to retreat, which they did in good order, marching backward, and keeping up a running fire at the mob, who followed them in great numbers. The Produce men did their equally valiant service during the few days following before the riot was finally quelled. It is proposed to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of the event above narrated by a dinner, at which all the survivors of the 91 will take part. The names of the heroes are as follows:

Company A.—A. M. Underhill, R. Simonson, Peter Rice, R. W. Ryan, John Roberts, J. M. Pugsley, C. Bailey, John Ward, Charles Ward, Ralph Ward, Frank Ward, D. Bigelow, George R. Borland, A. Brassil, James Knight, T. C. Rowan, John Lowe, Charles A. Gillis, Robert Lowe, F. Cornwell, Charles William Brasham, J. E. Jenking, George Neale, Frederick Patten, Henry Smythe, Frederick Orrell, George Lane, Jr., William Wright, George Williams, James Arkell, Charles E. Pallenstein, H. J. Overman, F. Baker, Jr., J. H. Baker, R. A. Alexander, Alexander Wilson, H. C. Hubbard, Jr., Jacob Baker, Jr., Henry H. Cook, C. Baker, H. S. Baker, Jacob Baker, George E. Cook, Charles F. Stephenson, C. E. Lockwood, C. V. Anderson, J. Brunger, John Ward, Jr., Thomas Ward.

Company B.—Gustave Conrad Cromwell, C. T. Dickinson, George Vandebogart, Howard Turnilla, John Walls, Jr., W. H. Barber, D. W. Berry, A. W. Berry, George C. Bloom, John W. Bloom, Jr., William W. Furey, J. B. Furey, S. S. Bromley, E. A. Kent, Henry Hull, George E. Ferris, Thomas Dunham, William C. Hickox, Jr., Abraham Brown, Morris H. Brown, Jacob Brown, Jr., Nathaniel Jones, Jr., Jacob Solomon, Edward Davis, John W. Paddon, J. A. Fisher, Fenton Durfee, Edward S. Burdick, D. D. Sheridan, Jr., Wm. Sheridan, Jr., Wm. Sheridan, H. Buxton, E. D. Kosser, E. H. Carey, John A. Holmes, J. C. Chamberlain, A. M. Combs, M. Sikkman, William H. Pillow, Paul Grout.

THE TWELFTH REGIMENT.

MUSTERING THE MEMBERS FOR INSPECTION—THE NUMBER IN LINE.

The Twelfth Regiment turned out in heavy marching order for inspection and muster yesterday afternoon. With a band of 40 pieces, wearing a bright scarlet and blue uniform, at its head, the command marched from its armory down Broadway to Thirty-fourth-street, and halted in battle front on the south side of that thoroughfare, with its right resting on Park-avenue. The field, staff, and company officers commanding were as follows: Col. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Wilson; Major James H. Jones; Adjt. W. H. Murphy, Quartermaster R. A. Hilker, Commissary F. R. Powers, Assistant Surgeon S. Barnoh, Inspector J. T. Becker; Companies A, Capt. A. H. Hertz; B, Capt. C. S. Burns; E, Lieut. J. Mosher; F, Capt. S. V. Healy; G, Capt. G. I. Mackowan; H, Capt. W. C. Reddy; I, Lieut. C. M. Williams; K, Capt. Edward Peckner. Col. Cruger established his head-quarters on Park-avenue, and the ceremony of receiving the colors to the color company was performed. Company G received the colors, and, headed by the band, marched along the line to the color company, where the flags were turned over to the standard-bearers, the band meanwhile playing "Hail Columbia." After Company G had returned to its place, the ranks were opened, and the regiment was inspected by Assistant Inspector-General Rodenbough, Inspector Carl Jissen, of the First Division, and Acting Inspector Alfred Roosevelt, of the First Brigade. Wheeling into a column of companies, the regiment was then formally counted. The result of the muster was as follows:

	Present.	Absent.	Total.
Field and staff	7	2	9
Non-commissioned staff	10	..	10
Band	39	..	39
Company A	32	11	43
Company B	36	4	40
Company C	31	12	43
Company D	38	4	42
Company E	41	11	52
Company F	36	4	40
Company G	41	11	52
Company H	40	6	46
Total	400	65	465

The band gave a concert during the ceremony. After it was finished, the regiment marched down Fifth-avenue to Twenty-third-street, and returned up Broadway to its armory.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Postmaster.—Lysander H. Carroll, Concord, N. H.

Charles M. Warner, Jordan, N. Y.; Henry A. Marsh, Nashua, N. H.; Sarah Frank, Rowesntown, Md.; George K. Kimball, Golden, Col.

Postmasters to be commissioned to-day confirmed the following nominations:

Postmaster.—William E. Stoont, Haverhill, Mass.; William T. Selsen, Harrisonville, Mo.

BASE BALL.

WORCESTER, Mass., May 17.—Worcesters, 19; Boston, 10.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 17.—Brooklyn, 1; University of Princeton, 0.

CHICAGO, N. Y., May 17.—James L. White, the base-ball player, has engaged himself to the Chicagoes for two months.

THE DROUGHT IN NEW-JERSEY.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., May 17.—The farmers of Burlington and adjoining counties are much excited over their crops owing to the long-continued drought, as they are fearful that it will injure the crops. There has not been any rain in this vicinity for weeks. Grass and the cereals are fast

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MAY 17.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:30 A. M.

U. S. 6s '81, C. $10,000 ....108 | U. S. 5s M. 1907 $100,000 ....107⅞

GOVERNMENT STOCKS, P. M.

U. S. 4s C., 1907. $1,000 ....107½ | U. S. 5s '81, C. $10,000 ....108 | U. S. 4s R., 1907. $4,000 ....107⅞

SALES TO 3 P. M.

Tenn. 6s, old	30½	Atlantic & Pacific	200	Del. Lack. & West	77½
Adams Exp.	115	Pacific Mail	500		17½
Wells, F. & Co.	50		500		17½
Pacific Mail	30		500		17½
	30		500		17½
	30		500		17½

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1880.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ABBEY'S PARK THEATRE—Joshua Whitcomb.
WALLACK'S THEATRE—A Child of the State.
MADISON-SQUARE THEATRE—Hazel Kirke.
BOOTH'S THEATRE—Twelfth Night.
UNION-SQUARE THEATRE—Boccaccio.
DALY'S THEATRE—The Brook.
NIBLO'S GARDEN THEATRE—Kerry Gow.
BIJOU OPERA-HOUSE—The Spectral Knight.
STANDARD THEATRE—Hobbies.
HAVERLY'S THEATRE—Prestidigitator.
SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS—Roaring School.
THE AQUARIUM—Our Bijou, &c. Matinée.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—La Vie Parisienne.
FIFTH-AV. THEATRE—Pirates of Penzance.

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, stationary or slowly falling barometer, stationary or higher temperature, clear or partly cloudy weather, westerly winds.

The lobbyists of the Star-route contractors evidently knew what they were about when they boasted that the action of the House for correcting the abuses in their business would be rejected by the Senate. The report of the Senate committee striking out the section of the House bill which provided for this important reform was yesterday adopted by the Senate. The matter now goes to a conference committee, where it is to be hoped that the representatives of the House will be entirely firm. The provisions of the House bill were very moderate, and in no way interfered with the efficiency of the service or the prompt transmission of the mails. They simply secured a revision of the grossly extravagant, and, in spirit, illegal, contracts of the department—contracts made in such flagrant violation of the interests of the public that it is difficult to understand how they could ever have been secured without corruption. The issue between the House and the Senate is, therefore, reduced to a very simple one of honest and decent administration as against profligate and probably corrupt squandering of the public money. On such an issue the Senate should be compelled to recede or to take the responsibility of defeating the entire bill.

It is proposed, in the House, to authorize the Government to go into the business of building very extensively, as well as at great cost. Fifty-four bills, appropriating more than $5,000,000 for the erection of public buildings in various parts of the country, are now pending in the House, and will be considered in a lump next Saturday. This is one of those combinations which the success of the River and Harbor grab has made feasible in Congress. The member who supports all of the schemes of his colleagues secures the assistance of each man who has a similar job. Technically, this is called "log-rolling." In point of fact, it is a species of conspiracy. It will flourish and rob the Treasury as long as Congressmen care more for votes than for the general welfare.

An employe of the Census Bureau has addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Pacific Railroads some very serious allegations in regard to the means employed to secure for the Texas Pacific corporation the land grant whose extension is now being sought from Congress. He claims to have evidence to show that $90,000 in cash and $300,000 in first mortgage land grant bonds were paid to Senators for votes to pass the Land Grant bill in the upper house in July, 1870, and that a million of dollars' worth of land grant bonds were divided for a similar purpose among members of the House. The bill finally passed on the 3d of March, 1871, and the Texas Pacific scheme has been so fertile a source of lobbying and wire-pulling in Congress as to give a certain inherent probability to the charges now made. Their author professes to be able to furnish documentary evidence of the truth of his assertion, as well as the names of witnesses who are cognizant of the facts. Charges so specific and so obviously capable of being readily tested demand thorough and immediate investigation.

The arguments presented yesterday against the bill for taxing life insurance companies afford another proof of how carelessly the new Tax bills have been prepared, and how slight an idea their authors had of the magnitude of the interests to be affected by their proposed legislation. The first and second sections of the Life Insurance bill do not agree, since the first provides for the taxation of "premiums, interest, and other income," while the second provides for returns of the amount of premiums only. No definition is given of the meaning attached to the phrase "business transacted in this State," and there is no attempt made to obviate the double taxation of premiums already taxed in another State. The bill would, moreover, impose a tax upon rents derived from real estate already taxed, and it would place in operation the machinery of retaliatory legislation by which a State like Ohio could levy upon the income derived by New-York companies from Ohio $13,483, against $8 54 which the Treasury of New-York would obtain from the taxation of the one Ohio company doing business here. Like other acts of the same series, the bill seems skillfully devised to drive capital out of the State, and it presents a very proper subject for an Executive veto.

It is time that the tomfoolery of prevaricating meetings of the Board of Aldermen in order to defeat action on the Mayor's nomination for Police Commissioner were brought to an end. If any of the Republican Aldermen propose to vote against the confirmation of Mr. Gardiner, let them do so openly and frankly, instead of attempting to skulk a responsibility which they must, sooner or later, face. The Aldermen are already held in such thorough contempt by the public that it may be difficult for them to do anything which would make their proceedings still more despicable, but some of the politicians who are supposed to control Aldermanic votes have a certain amount of character to lose, and they cannot too promptly interpose to stop a farce of which everybody is heartily tired. It is hardly worth while delaying important public business for the sake of demonstrating the political influence of Mr. John J. O'Brien, or of keeping a place for Mr. DeWitt C. Wheeler. The latter distinguished patriot has publicly declared his unalterable fidelity to the cause of Gen. Grant, which probably means that he is satisfied there is no disposition to allow the confirmation of his successor. But even the keeping of Mr. Wheeler out of the ranks of Mr. Blaine's supporters would be purchased at much too high a price if it be contingent on his continued membership of the Police Board.

THE ELECTION LAWS THIS FALL.

Although the Republicans have voted almost unanimously in the House to adjourn on the 31st of May, no provision whatever has yet been made, and, so far as has been disclosed, none has been promised, for an appropriation to carry into effect the Election laws at the approaching election. Even the small sum necessary to meet the deficiency for the current year's expenditures has not been appropriated, and not only are the Marshals still unpaid creditors of the Government, but the Federal courts are everywhere being adjourned because there is not money in the Treasury to defray the necessary costs. It might be inferred from this state of things that the Election laws and the administration of justice generally in the Federal courts were matters of small consequence. The general administration of justice, which is now interrupted by the obstinacy of the Democrats in insisting upon connecting with the appropriations for the courts provisions changing the Election laws, is certainly an interest which ought to command the most careful attention of Congress. No other civilized Government would undergo such an interference with the work of its tribunals from such a cause without incurring a degree of popular disapproval which would soon bring the discreditable trifling to an end. But in the United States, from one cause or another, we bear with too great patience defects in our Governmental management which ought to excite the liveliest indignation. If the general distribution of power under our Constitution has secured us in some degree from its abuse, it has also left us with a very vague idea of who is responsible when such unfortunate incidents occur.

But, even if we can allow our courts to be closed for want of money when our Secretary of the Treasury is promising us a surplus of a hundred millions for the next year, it is not to be expected, after the experience of the last two years, that we will submit in silence to the nullification of the Federal laws for the protection of the suffrage. On this point the Republican Party, at least, is bound by every consideration of policy, principle, and consistency to take a firm stand. The Republicans in Congress, sustaining the President at every point, resisted for months all attempts to repeal or to seriously weaken those laws. This was only a year ago, and even within the last month the veto of the Deficiency bill by the President—presenting the issue of the integrity of the Election laws, only indirectly and remotely—was sustained by every Republican vote in the House of Representatives. It cannot be expected, therefore, that in the face of such a record Congress will be allowed to adjourn without some substantial provision for the enforcement of these laws. It is, nevertheless, difficult to see in what way this will be brought about. The compromise proposed by Mr. Garfield, and accepted by the Democrats, to couple certain amendments of the laws with the appropriation, was vetoed by the President on the naked ground of opposition to all "riders" involving seriously-contested questions. Nor was this compromise accepted by the Republicans of either branch of Congress. The Democrats, on the other hand, have made no progress in embodying the compromise proposition—if it can be called a compromise, when it was not accepted by their opponents—in a separate measure, and there is no indication that if they should do so it would receive the approval either of the Republicans in Congress or of the President. Under these circumstances it would be idle to deny that the situation of the Election laws is a very precarious one, and that their final fate is not easily to be foreseen.

Meanwhile, the Republicans ought to understand that an impartial, vigorous, and untrammeled application of the principle of these laws is very important, and may be absolutely essential to the success of the party in the fast approaching elections. In many of the large cities of the North, and throughout the greater part of the South, nothing else will give any chance of a fair election. The prospect of an easy and overwhelming victory for the Republican Party is not so well assured that we can afford to turn over to our opponents those chances for fraud of which they have shown themselves in the past only too eager to avail themselves. The long and steadfast struggle to resist the repeal or emasculation of the Election laws last year was justified by the fact that they are really essential to pure elections. It is true that they have not always been administered with the energy and firmness that should have been displayed, but they are sound in principle, practically adapted to remedy the evils at which they are directed, just in purpose, and capable of rendering very great service to the cause of popular government. They cannot now be abandoned, and the Republicans in Congress would be shamefully negligent of the plainest duty if they allowed any consideration whatever to induce them to consent to their direct or indirect abandonment.

We have already expressed the opinion that it would be eminently wise on the part of the minority to consent to amendments based on the principle of those embodied in the Deficiency bill. If these are calculated to impair the efficacy of the laws, they can probably be modified to avoid that result. If they cannot be, let the issue be made distinct; let it be known that the Republicans are willing to adopt the principle of the amendments, and let the Democrats take the responsibility of refusing, if they so elect, to apply it fairly. The positions of the two parties would then be clearly defined, and if the President were compelled to call an extra session a second time to secure the honest enforcement of laws so important and so necessary, the country would have no difficulty a second time in coming to a conclusive approval of his course and of that of the Republican Party.

THE COMBINATION GRAB.

It was entirely characteristic of this Congress that the House should take up the River and Harbor Appropriation bill, yesterday, under a suspension of the rules, and pass it by a great majority. An appropriation bill to provide for the maintenance of a branch of the Government necessary for the people's convenience could not be passed in this way. A bill to settle a dispute on the frontier, on which the lives of hardy settlers and pioneers depend, has no chance whatever with this Congress. But there are two kinds of bills which are certain to be taken care of, no matter what becomes of all others. The people may be deprived of mail facilities, the creditors of the Government be clamorous, the courts closed, and the Post Offices left in darkness—but Congress votes its own pay and perquisites; and it is attentive to the voice which demands special appropriations for "the destrick."

If any man should wonder why the House, which finds it so difficult to save time for the consideration of various important projects of law which have been introduced, and is able to take up and pass, after a discussion of thirty minutes, a bill appropriating more than $8,500,000, he will find the solution of the puzzle in the Congressional districts. Next to getting his own pay, the average Congressman wants to get something for the people who vote for him and keep him in Congress. The men who support the River and Harbor Appropriation bill year after year are not dishonest. They are selfish. They do not believe that the appropriations are required by any public interest. But they know that some of their immediate constituents demand these; and they have not sufficient firmness to withstand the home pressure applied to them. The River and Harbor bill is an omnibus. There is room in it for everybody. It appropriates money for the nominal improvement of rivers, creeks, trout-streams, harbors, estuaries, inlets, coves, and flats. There is not a State in the Union, not a district in any State, which does not contain a body of water big enough to attract the attention and secure the protection of the argus-eyed House Committee of Commerce. If the committee, in drawing up its schedule of "improvements" to be paid for from the National Treasury, should omit any Congressional district, the Representative from that district speedily has the omission supplied. The managers of the grab, for it is nothing less, cannot afford to lose the support of any one member. The Congressman who manifests hostility to the bill is pacified by inserting in it the item which he believes will make things pleasant for him at home and among his constituents. It is an organized combination to take money out of the public Treasury and expend it for private and public interests. It is a silent conspiracy. It shuns discussion. And this is why a bill appropriating more than eight millions of dollars was rushed through the House under the gag-rule, with only a handful of men to oppose it. The grab was a general one.

The Senate has never shown itself able to withstand the temptation to vote money for the "destricks," and nothing but an Executive veto will save the country from the reckless extravagance of the bill. It is in vain that the press has repeatedly exposed the frauds concealed in the River and Harbor Appropriation bills of previous Congresses. It has been shown, in some instances, that streams to be "improved" at the public cost have no existence. In other cases it has been found that even the citizens of the locality to be benefited by an expenditure of the public money knew nothing of the enterprise on foot until it was discussed when too late for protest. Here and there, scattered through the bill, are items which provide for necessary work. It may be advisable to provide for the larger needs of foreign, coastwise, and internal commerce by the improvement of harbors and rivers. But the Congressional jobbers have long since got past the point where the real needs of commerce are considered. The main purpose now is to get the public money spent in the several districts. The meritorious objects of the bill carry the worthless and swindling ones. While it may be apparent to any well-informed man that the appropriation of $30,000 to improve the Passaic River from the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge to its mouth is necessary, it is by no means clear that it is also necessary that the Government should expend $30,000 for the improvement of Cheebequakes Creek, in New-Jersey. Cheebequakes Creek is one of many streams discovered by the geographers of the River and Harbor raid. Cheebequakes Creek may be a noble stream, or the $30,000 asked for, and the $30,000 which will be added to this sum by and by may make it a noble stream; but there are so many of these water-courses demanding irrigation that we must stop somewhere. The constitutionality of this wholesale and wasteful scattering of the public money is doubtful. From small beginnings, and undertaken with much debate as to the lawfulness of the original transaction, Congress has gone on, from one stage to another, until the few hundred thousands have swollen to millions. It would not be believed, thirty years ago, that the modest sums appropriated for the improvement of a few seaports could be increased to nearly nine millions for countless fishing-brooks and impracticable harbors. This grasping swindle must be brought to an end sooner or later. We may as well make an example of this last outrage.

DANGEROUS LEGISLATION.

For several weeks New-York has been the only State in the Union harassed by the doubts and uncertainties which a session of *the Legislature produces. Elsewhere the* people have settled down with a feeling that, for a few months at least, they know where they are and what they are to depend upon, so far as their interests are affected by the action of law-makers. The officers of corporations can make their calculations with some assurance that they will not be upset before they are finished, and the payers of taxes know what to expect. In this State the torment of uncertainty and of serious apprehension continues, and even grows more intense from day to day. Only a few days of the session remain, but in that time enormous injury may be done by the bungling work of the incompetent committee which has been trying to effect a revision of the Tax laws. This is by far the most important subject that has been before the Legislature at the present session, and if it could have been dealt with in a judicious manner much good might have come of it. Of that there is no longer any hope, and the only thing that can be accomplished is the prevention of harm. It is no easy matter for the ordinary citizen, however much he may be interested, to keep track of the bills which the muddling committee has concocted, and which have been variously modified in the two houses. Being the work of a joint committee, they have been submitted in both branches at once, and have gone their way in each without regard to their progress in the other. In both they are variously and differently amended. In one a bill has been defeated, while it keeps on its way in the other with modifications and a chance of survival. A provision stricken out here holds its place there, and nobody can tell the final upshot. The Savings Bank bill has been slaughtered in the Assembly, but still lives in the Senate, though with little prospect of becoming a law. That affecting life insurance companies has passed both houses and awaits the action of the Governor.

The most important of these bills still threatening the community are that in regard to exemptions; that making provisions for assessment, known as the "Listing bill;" one providing for a tax of one-half of 1 per cent. on the deposits in banks and in the hands of private bankers, and that for the special taxation of corporations. The first of these has passed the Senate, and awaits its third reading in the Assembly. At one point it is entangled with the atrocious "Listing bill" in such a way that it ought to be defeated unless that passes, which it ought by no means to do. We refer to the section which amends the existing Assessment law by requiring that in the fourth column of the assessment rolls the full value of personal property shall be entered "without any reduction for debt." The "Listing bill" provides for a fifth column, in which debts due for property taxable under the laws of this State, less the value of any exempt property which the assessed person may own, shall be entered, to be offset from the total amount of property assessed. If the former bill should pass and the latter not, even this modified sort of deduction could not be made. They are so connected by this ligature that they ought to perish together unless it is severed. But the bill in regard to exemptions, whose full purpose is concealed in the title, which merely proposes to amend the Revised Statutes, has another objectionable feature. The third section has nothing to do with exemptions, but provides for the assessment of every kind of personal property, including money loaned in any other State or in any foreign country, while the Listing bill proposes to set up an inquisition to make the exactions upon personal property effectual. Should both of these pass, as well as that laying upon the burdens already borne by bank capital, the further imposition of one-half of 1 per cent. on deposits, there is an excellent prospect that much of our riches will take unto itself wings and fly to other States, where the profits of their employment will not be so extensively confiscated.

There can be no manner of doubt that these measures are calculated to operate as a serious check on the commercial prosperity and progress of this State, and they should not be allowed to become law in these closing and hurrying days of the session. The law now limits the rate of interest on loans to 6 per cent., and retains those relics of barbarism, the penalties for usury. Six per cent. is probably much more than the average income of personal property in this State, and income determines the ability to pay taxes. The income of personal property is virtually fixed. It cannot rise with the tax, and if one-half of it is confiscated by the State, that kind of property, which is migratory in its very nature, and always seeks the most favorable field for employment, will not only cease coming to New-York, but will depart from it and seek other and more congenial climes. This effect may not be sudden and immediately disastrous, though of that we are not sure, but it will none the less operate as a blight on our commercial prosperity. Those who urge relief for real estate as a reason for bringing all forms of personal property and commercial capital under the same exactions overlook an important distinction. Real estate cannot emigrate, and its value depends on the personal property that is employed upon or in connection with it. To encourage population, enterprise, and capital in seeking and finding profitable employment here is to add to the value of real estate and to its ability to bear taxation. To check their coming or to drive them away is to depress its value and its profits. Its income is not fixed, but expensive, and taxes assessed upon it are drawn from the capital and personal property employed in connection with it, with an equity to which no Assessor can approximate. But it is too late to hope for the adoption of sound principles in the revision of the Tax laws at this session, and we can only appeal to the Legislature to slaughter these monstrous products of the joint committee, and drop the subject until more wisdom can be applied to the important work.

A MATHEMATICAL MYSTERY.

It is often and incorrectly said that women have no aptitude for mathematics. So far is this from the truth that there are certain departments of mathematics in which women are vastly more skillful than men. If a man is asked how much it costs him annually to smoke four cigars a day at fifteen cents each, he will reply, "O! perhaps a hundred *dollars or so," which is manifestly incorrect;* whereas if the same question is asked his wife, she will instantly answer that her husband wastes about seven hundred dollars a year in smoke. Captious critics may point out that this sum is too large, but it must be conceded that while there is a little surplusage in the wife's calculation, she does not commit the fatal error of underestimating the amount. In accordance with the principle that the greater includes the less, her calculation is essentially right, whereas the smoker's calculation is utterly and hopelessly wrong. The skill of women in handling figures is also shown every Sunday in the year. When on Sunday evening the ladies of the family bring out their particular religious newspaper, and grapple with those amazing problems which begin, "I am composed of thirty-five thousand letters; my 1, 9, 365, 17, 4, 11, 44 is an Amalekite plumber," the male members of the family clock know that, though they could not solve the problem even with the aid of six calculating machines, the women will solve it before they go to bed if it takes them all night. In these and several other branches of mathematics woman is easily supreme, and it is hence an error born of ignorance or malice to accuse her of a want of mathematical genius.

When, however, we come to mensuration, we suddenly find the limitations of the female mind. A deep-rooted hatred of all accuracy in measurements, or, at all events, a total inability to comprehend the yard-stick or the tables of dry and wet measure, is one of the most prominent characteristics of the sex. No woman, for example, can form any correct idea of the distance from her house to any other geographical point. If she wishes to go to any place she firmly believes that it is only "a few steps," no matter if it is in reality miles away; and if she has, by force of circumstances, been compelled to walk unwillingly from, say, the Fourth to the Sixth avenue, she will subsequently maintain that she has "tramped all over creation," and is of right completely tired to death.

Every man who has intrusted to a woman the work of manufacturing a shirt has had painful experience of her inability to comprehend the importance of accurate measurement. Mr. Smith, for example, permits Mrs. Smith to make a new shirt, to be modeled precisely after an old one, which measures, say, fifteen inches around the neck. When the new garment is completed, Mr. Smith finds that it chokes him, and he calls his wife's attention to the fact. She declares that it measures precisely the same as the model, and appealing to a tape-measure in proof of her assertion, finds that the new shirt measures only thirteen inches around the neck. In these circumstances a male shirt-maker would confess that he had made a mistake. Not so Mrs. Smith. She exclaims, with every appearance of triumph, "There! what did I tell you. One is almost exactly the same size as the other. There isn't two inches difference between them." Nothing could more forcibly illustrate woman's total incapacity to grasp the importance of accurate measurements. A being who believes that a thirteen-inch band will fit a fifteen-inch neck with as much accuracy as if the band were two inches longer, is born without any sense of the value of linear measure.

As a rule, women decline to recognize the authority of yard-sticks, measuring-tapes, and other standards, and place a pathetic faith in their personal fingers and thumbs. They have constructed for their own use certain tables which pretend that the upper joint of the thumb is exactly an inch in length, and that the width of three fingers is an inch and a half. These are the only measures which they will use when seeking to ascertain the length of a piece of piping-cord or the width of a skirt-breadth. It is needless to say that they are thus led into constant error. The female fingers and thumbs are not constant quantities, so far as their length and breadth are concerned, and to make them standards of measurement is as absurd as it would be to assume that the human foot is always twelve inches in length, whether it be the New-York or the Chicago foot.

What is very odd is the fact that in the department of cookery women make an elaborate pretense of their regard for careful measurement. They have rules for finding the exact quantity of each article that enters into the composition of any particular dish. For instance, their cooking liturgies prescribe that in making cake one must take a cup of flour, six cups of butter, two dozen eggs, three cups of salt, a teaspoonful of indigo, a tablespoonful of starch, and three cups of molasses. But do they ever follow this rule? It is notorious that they pay no attention to it. When a woman undertakes to make cake she takes what she calls "enough" flour, and to this she adds "a little" indigo, starch, and salt, and stirs into it about as much butter and molasses "as is needed." Of course, the result is always unforeseen. It may turn out that the compound thus made is cake, and it may prove to be rice pudding. The woman herself has not the least idea what it will be. With the printed rule for cake manufacture lying before her, one would suppose that it would be impossible for her to produce anything but cake, but in actual practice she utterly scouts the rule, and makes her mysterious compound by the light of nature, and humbly trusts that it will not come out of the oven as sausages or boiled ham. Why women have this antipathy to measurements of all kinds is a mystery. They can add or subtract; they can multiply and they can divide; but here their capacity for any mathematical truth ends. There is, indeed, as Sir Isaac Newton sadly remarked, something very mysterious in women, and the less we try to find it out the better.

The Turkish Empire is drained of almost the last drop of its life-blood, but with characteristic readiness to seize upon any pretext for postponing the evil hour of dissolution, the Porte replies to the last collective note of the powers by proposing an International commission of inquiry to settle the Montenegrin question. To the first note of the representatives of the powers in Constantinople, demanding that Turkey should reconvey the territory treacherously abandoned to the Albanians and hand it over to Montenegro, a wholly evasive reply was sent, in which the main point was passed over in silence. The Ambassadors at once applied to their home Governments for instructions, and Lord Granville took the initiative in securing a concert of action on the part of all the powers. The second *note was sharp and specific. All the Governments* signing the treaty of Berlin united in demanding that the Sultan should suppress the insurrection among his Albanian subjects, drive them out of the territory ceded to Montenegro, and fulfill the requirements of the treaty. There is about as much necessity for an International commission of inquiry in this matter as there would be if the Albanian League had invaded Italy or France. The uprising was lawless and violent, a clear infraction of the treaty, and none the less so because some justification for it may be found in the territorial pretensions of the Albanians. All the questions involved were settled in advance at Berlin and by the commission of demarkation which drew the boundary line. The proposition of the Porte is a mere pretext for delay, without a shadow of excuse, except the internal condition of the Empire, and that can hardly be urged as a good reason for defrauding Montenegro of her rights. In truth, however, the affairs of Turkey are desperate. At present the Empire is practically supported by private contributions, its officers being unpaid, and the employes' pension fund having been seized. As it is no longer possible to borrow, even at 50 per cent., it will be interesting to see what new financial shift will be devised by Mussulman genius. There is reason to believe that when Mr. Goschen has replaced Sir Henry Layard the Sultan will find himself very hard pressed, indeed, not only as to Montenegro, but in relation to the unsettled Greek frontier question, and it is not improbable that in case he should prove refractory, the situation might suddenly be complicated by the appearance of an English fleet in the Bosphorus.

A rather curious breach of promise case was recently before Judge Wallace, of the United States Circuit Court, at Rochester, on a motion for a new trial. Dr. Chapman, of Alabama, had engaged to marry his aunt, Miss Caswell, the comparatively youthful half-sister of his mother. Marriage between persons holding this relation was prohibited by the laws of Alabama, so it was agreed that the engagement should be carried out in the State of New-York, where this is not the case. But the Doctor, either from waning affection or a growing respect for the opinions of mankind—perhaps the latter, as a result of the former—concluded not to fulfill the agreement at all. The aunt, having left Alabama, and claiming a domicile in this State, caught the recreant lover at Lockport, had him sued for breach of promise, and claimed $10,000 damages. The case came before Judge Wallace originally, and he allowed it to go to the jury on the facts, without hearing arguments on the law points raised, in order that the latter might be more fully considered on a motion for a new trial. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, and awarded the $10,000 asked for, and last week the motion for a new trial was decided affirmatively. A number of intricate questions were involved, a final solution of which is yet to come. In the first place, the contract being made in Alabama, where the fulfillment would have been a violation of law, was it invalid when it was understood and agreed that it was to be carried out in New-York, where there was no law against it? Here are questions of domicile and place of performance to be considered; also whether, independent of the law relating to the obligations of the contract, that of the domicile in regard to capacity to enter into it should prevail. The question is also raised as to whether the essence of the contract is the solemnization of the marriage, which might be legal in New-York, where it was to be performed, or the relation itself, which was to continue in Alabama, where it was forbidden. The consideration of the moral character and the public policy of such unions is also involved, and the difference between the validity of the contract if entered into and the obligation to enforce it or the penalty for its breach when it was not entered into. In fact, the complications arising out of the foolish engagement are almost endless.

Mr. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, according to the *Harvard Register*, looks with large favor upon the Harvard "Annex" for women, and thinks the new enterprise has been admirably planned and arranged. For all practical purposes a woman's college has been organized at Cambridge, without any one's calling it such, and without involving the President and Fellows of the university in any difficulty. The college authorities did the very best thing for it in simply letting it alone. As Mr. Higginson has understood the matter, they rested their acquiescence on the simple ground that, so long as the salaries of the Professors were low, they could not be prohibited from taking private pupils, and if they chose that these pupils should be women, and that their instruction should be systematized into a course parallel to the college course, it was nobody's business but their own. He thinks the Harvard Professors entered eagerly into the enterprise from the feeling that it was a just and desirable thing. In looking over the letters which passed between them and the Secretary of the "Annex" committee, he found not a trace of intellectual contempt nor any distrust of the willingness of young women to perform their share in the undertaking, some even expressing the wish that the college could afford to women official as well as unofficial instruction. He thinks that the position taken by the ladies of the committee is also honorable. They have not been afraid of conclusions, neither have they urged it. The "Annex" cannot at present be called, in any full sense, a coeducative institution; yet it secures some of the most important results of such institutions in giving to both sexes the same teachers and the same examinations, and in bringing them to dwell side by side in the same collegiate atmosphere. All this has been accomplished so quietly as hardly to have made a ripple on the surface.

The United States Court of Claims has affirmed the constitutionality of the act of Congress of March 3, 1879, providing that "all officers of the Army who have been heretofore retired by reason of disability arising from wounds received in action shall be considered as retired upon the actual rank held by them, whether in the regular or volunteer service at the time when such wound was received, and shall be borne on the retired list and receive pay thereafter accordingly." The question as to the power of Congress to pass this law was raised in the case of Gen. Thomas J. Wood against the United States. The complainant was a Colonel of cavalry in the line of the Army on the active list when Congress passed the act of July 28, 1866, providing that officers of the regular Army entitled to be retired on account of disability occasioned by wounds received in battle might be retired on the full rank of the command held by them, whether in the regular or volunteer service, at the time the wounds were received. The claimant had been wounded in battle while in command of a division of the Army. In 1868, pursuant to the favorable report of a retiring board of officers, he was retired by direction of the President, with the full rank of Major-General. The act of 1870, above cited, reduced his rank on the retired list, as well as his salary, from that of Major-General to that of Brigadier-General. He contended that Congress had no power to do this, and he sought to recover the difference between the salary of a Major-General and that of a Brigadier-General. The court said that in order to decide the question raised it was necessary to consider the difference between rank and office. In some cases the title of an officer at once expresses his rank and his office. But rank and office are not always identical. Rank is often used to express something different from office. It then becomes a designation or title of honor, dignity, or distinction conferred upon an officer in order to fix his relative position, with reference to other officers, in matters of privilege, precedence, and sometimes of command, or by which to determine his pay and emoluments. Congress cannot appoint an officer to a new and different office, because the appointing power is vested by the Constitution elsewhere than in Congress. But Congress may transfer him to the retired list, and may change his rank and pay at any time without violating the Constitution. In the present case, Gen. Wood had held the rank but not the office, of Major-General. Congress had given him that rank, and could take it away from him. In reducing him from a Major-General to a Brigadier-General, Congress changed his rank, but not his office. His office was that of Colonel, and this had remained unchanged. His rank having been reduced, his retired pay, which is controlled by rank, was likewise reduced.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE CINCINNATI FESTIVAL.

This well-advertised series of seven concerts will begin to-night. It has already been remarked in The Times that the claim by the managers of this "show" that they are engaged in an unprecedented work is without foundation in fact. No one will dispute the pre-eminent position of Cincinnati in the pork trade. But for the past few years, not content with the modest endeavor for esthetic progress which has characterized other cities of the civilized world, Cincinnati has put forth the additional claim to be the musical capital of the Western hemisphere. It seems to be a case of vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself. Between the pork trade and music there is a great gulf fixed, and it is to be sincerely regretted that the Cincinnati dilettanti have not contented themselves with laboring slowly in the cultivation of the fine arts. They would have nothing but "the largest and finest hall on this continent," to use the language of the festival programme, which also states that "the great Music Hall organ is the largest and finest in the United States." This is all very well, but in worldly affairs it is desirable that supply should keep pace with demand, and not be so far in excess as would seem to be the case with our Cincinnati friends. A little leaven of modesty would really be welcome in the announcements of this festival. The world, after all, is not bounded by the limits of Hamilton County, Ohio, and choruses, orchestras, and organs have been heard on several occasions elsewhere. The provincial nature of the festival has a certain charm about it. It is evident that every one engaged in "putting it through" is in terrible earnest, and the position of Cincinnati as a great musical centre is felt to be at stake. It is not intended in this notice to imply any doubt as to the genuine spirit which animates the Festival Association, when it is suggested that a little more familiarity with the musical works done every season in this City and in other Eastern capitals would modify the confident expressions of self-satisfaction on the part of Cincinnatians. Before they claim to have "the best solo artists the country affords" it would be well to reflect that, with the exception of Miss Cary, Signor Campanini, and Mr. Whitney, (all of whom are supremely excellent,) they have no solo artist of note, and none whose place could not be filled to advantage from the ranks of the singers of New-York or Boston. As to being a really musical capital, it should be borne in mind that, in order to get an orchestra in Cincinnati, they have to send to us for all the principals, and, indeed, for two-thirds of the members. It was less than two years ago that an eminent pianist who was to play a concerto had to give up the attempt after a long rehearsal with the best available Cincinnati orchestra, and play the music with the aid of a second piano. When Mr. Mapleson took his magnificent troupe to this "musical centre" last season, the cultivated inhabitants (probably from ignorance of their exceptionally great opportunities) allowed Mlle. Marimon to sing in a representation for which the receipts were only $327. Now, when it is reflected that this artist is one of the few leading prima donnas of the world, and ranks with Adelina Patti, Gerster, Nilsson, Tietjens, and Albani, it would seem as if the claims of Cincinnati to be considered a musical capital were ludicrous. As a matter of fact, this festival smacks more of the trade than the musical spirit, but it is, nevertheless, a promising sign of progress. If there were less exuberance in the announcements, and a disposition to submit the concerts to critical judgment based solely on the merits and with less confident prediction, the outside world would be relieved of the bore of hearing the praises of the festival sung in advance. There is hardly a doubt that some of the performances will be of great merit and worthy of the first rank, but the programmes are in several instances evidently made up with a liberal allowance of the ordinary material which one may hear every night, and equally well done, in New-York. With no desire to prejudge the Cincinnati festival, it may be said that its promises cannot be fulfilled. There are three thoroughly competent soloists, and five whose abilities are not extraordinary, to state the case mildly. The programmes are not particularly good. If the committee had not assumed to have engaged "the best artists the country affords," and to establish the claim of an essentially provincial city to represent American musical cultivation, the unwelcome task of entering a protest against this assumption would have been gladly omitted. As an educational element, however, the festival is valuable, and it has the best wishes for success from every lover of music in this part of the country.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.

Von Suppé's latest opera, "Boccaccio," was played in the English version last night at the Union-Square Theatre for the first time in New-York. As to the music, it may be described as graceful and pleasing, and in the same vein is "Patience," full of bright melodies, several of which are written in waltz time, with a number of original and effective concerted compositions. It can hardly fail to be popular, for it is amusing in its action, there are many droll situations, and a merry spirit which is all pervading, both in the words and the lively music to which they are set. The story of the opera is not of much account, but it is sufficient to afford an opportunity to make the various scenes in sequence and to introduce the characters with appropriate music. The principle idea were generally well rendered last night, and in some instances they could hardly have been improved. Miss Jennie Winston, as Boccaccio, confirmed the high opinion expressed of her talents last year, when she appeared in "Patience." She is an actress who is evidently perfectly at home on the stage, and has the essential qualification of a sense of humor. Moreover, she has a good voice and knows how to sing. There is an originality and very charming naïveté in her assumption of the masculine character which cannot fail to keep up the interest of the audience, as was evident last night. Miss Alice Kenner as Fiametta, Miss Hattie Richardson as Beatrice, Miss Prestige as Peronella, Miss Somerville as Isabella, and Miss Foy as Leonetto, were all deserving of favorable mention. The male characters (for the students, who were cleverly personated by a number of young ladies,) were not entirely satisfactory. Mr. W. A. Morgan is a good actor, but has a very light voice, which he makes the most of, though it cannot be confessed that an orchestral accompaniment is too much for him. Mr. Rogers was evidently suffering from a cold and unable to do himself justice. Mr. Dixon, as the Cooper, was particularly good. The minor parts and choruses were on the whole satisfactory, and the conductor, Mr. Eaton, showed genuine ability in his control of the orchestra and the manner in which he imparted to the entire performance fervent of the stage and chorus were received with as much favor than they were responded to by encores to persistent applause. The trio sextette in the 2d act, and Boccaccio's song, "I am a man

young fellows," with chorus; Flamette's Romance, "If I have but Affection," and the celebrated number, "He is a Prince," were sung of the best-received music of the opera, and were encored. Mr. Dixon sang the Cooper's song in the second act, with its original accompaniment, very effectively, and Miss Winston, in the Gretlin song, was particularly good. A further hearing of "Boccaccio" will doubtless be desired by all who were present. It is well put upon the stage, and is a work of the light and pleasing character adapted for the season of the year when the theatre halting wants to be amused without exhausting any great amount of mental force in an effort to grasp the subject presented.

GENERAL MENTION.

A concert for the benefit of the Manhattan Hospital will be given to-night at Chickering Hall. A number of distinguished artists are announced to take part in the interpretation of the programme, including Miss Henrietta Beebe, Mrs. Florence Rice-Knox, Mrs. Dow, Miss Whitney, Mr. S. S. Mills, Mr. Arbuckle, Mr. Remmertz, and Mr. Bullock.

Mr. Maurice Grau began his brief farewell season of French opera at the Academy of Music last night, with a performance of "La Vie Parisienne." Owing to the musical attractions elsewhere, the house was not as full as the merits of the performance entitled them to, but there was a sufficiently large audience to make the evening enjoyable, and abundant manifestations of appreciation. Mlle. Paola Marié was particularly excellent, and received much applause. The opera will be repeated this evening.

A change of programme was effected at Haverly's last evening, and Herrmann introduced to the public a variety of new tricks and marvels which were quite equal to those previously made known by him. The two special features of the entertainment, however, were the "mid-air suspension," and the "cabinet du diable," both of them elaborate specimens of the magician's art. In the former Herrmann was assisted by his patient co-worker, Mlle. Addie. The Lorellas, the Onofri Brothers, and Val Voss helped to amuse the audience with "grotesquerie" and ventriloquism. Herrmann's engagement will last a few weeks longer.

Miss Nellson opened the closing week of her engagement at Booth's Theatre last evening with her brilliant performance of Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet." Mr. Compton, whose Romeo has already been praised in these columns, supported her ably. Some of the other parts were in good hands. This evening, "Twelfth Night" will be represented, and "The Lady of Lyons" will follow to-morrow. On Thursday Miss Nellson will be seen in "As You Like It," on Friday in "Cymbeline," at the matinée in "Twelfth Night," and on Saturday evening in "Romeo and Juliet." The sale of seats for her benefit performance, to occur next Monday night, will begin on Thursday morning.

A play described as a "romantic comedy-drama" in a prologue and four acts, and called "Our Bijah; or, the Double Life," was produced last evening at the Aquarium, and signalized Mr. Charles Reicher's resumption of the management of that favorite resort. The scene of the play shows from Peekskill on the Hudson to a reef off the coast of Florida, and its substance includes about the usual share of melodramas. The action covers a period of over 20 years, and commands the services of a large number of actors. Chief among the latter are M. Henry Belmer and Miss Amy Sherin, the second of whom is an extremely youthful actress of exceptional ability. While the Aquarium is well stocked are still on exhibition there, and between these and the play the spectator will not find a lack of entertainment. Performances are still given every afternoon and every evening.

A REMARKABLE BURGLARY.

AND STILL MORE REMARKABLE CAPTURE AND STORY OF THE SUPPOSED THIEF.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 17.—At about 2 o'clock this morning the citizens of Milton-on-the-Hudson were awakened by the village druggist, Robert J. Dickey, who screamed for help. The citizens dressed hurriedly, and ran into the street to ascertain the cause of the outcry. Dickey stated that burglars were operating in his store. The business places in Milton are all located on one street, Dickey's store being situated on a corner block. A number of citizens entered the store, but the burglar or burglars had made their escape by going up stairs into the garret and crawling out of a window on the roof. The crowd increased every minute and surrounded the drug store and adjacent buildings for the purpose of preventing the thieves from escaping. It was dark, the moon having gone down a few minutes before. No one volunteered to go on the roof. The village constable, Henry C. Mackey, who was fishing for shad on the river, was sent for. Meanwhile, the entire population of the village guarded the building, and the excitement ran high. About 4 o'clock a barber, C. J. Miller, heard some one moving stealthily on his roof. Miller's house is situated about 150 feet from the drug store. The barber cocked his revolver, and putting his head out of the window, said: "Who's there?" "It's me; don't you know me? Don't give me away!" was the reply. In the early morning light the barber could not see distinctly, but believed the person who spoke to him was William Purdy, a resident of Milton. The roof on the Miller house is steep, and the barber told the intruder to go down the way he came up to escape falling off and breaking his neck. Instead of going back, the man on the roof jumped from the Miller house across an alleyway, six feet wide, to the roof of a shoe-maker's shop. The crowd, which blocked up the street, saw the man jump, and they yelled: "There goes the burglar." The shoe-maker's shop was surrounded on all sides and escape was impossible.

About 4 o'clock the constable arrived. He went up on the roof of the shoe store and found Wm. Purdy lying on his side, tied hand and foot. His hands were tied securely behind his back with a black silk handkerchief, and his legs were made fast with his coat tails and sleeves. Purdy was found near the edge of the roof, and near him a sum of money, principally small change, was scattered on the roof.

"Get up; what are you doing there?" said the constable.

"I can't get up; my hands and feet are tied fast," was the reply. The constable untied the handkerchief, and together the men came down on a ladder to the street. Dickey made a verbal complaint to Constable Mackey that Purdy had broken into his store, and called upon the officer to arrest him. The constable took Purdy in charge. He says Purdy's hands were tied firmly behind his back.

To-day Purdy was arraigned before Justice E. M. Croft, charged with burglary. Dickey swore he was passing by his store on his way home about 2 o'clock this morning. Through the window he saw a man taking money out of the money-drawer. He went into the alley and the thief turned out in the house, as stated. The story of the shoemaker, told to the Times reporter, is a strange one. Purdy is employed on the tug-boat Austin, of the Cornell & Co. Rondout Towing Line. On Sunday night Purdy left Rondout on the steamer Ida Powers, and came up as far as the Milton dock shortly after 2 o'clock. He then walked up the hill to the village, a distance of half a mile, and sat down on a bench near Dickey's drug store. After sitting some time, how long he cannot state, two strangers walked along and asked him who kept the Post Office and drug store. Purdy says he told them, and immediately after having done so, the strangers grasped hold of him and said: "Give us your knife quick." Purdy says they gave them his knife, which was subsequently found in the drug store. After that he lost all consciousness. The next thing he remembers hearing was the crowd in the street yelling about the thief being burglars in the drug store. He does not know how he came to be on the roof of the shoe store, but presumes the men who took his knife carried him there after chloroforming him. His description of the men is as follows: One of them was dressed in a coat and vest of dark cloth, "about six feet" in height. The other man was dressed in black throughout, and probably weighed 150 pounds. Both of the strangers had red masks on their faces, and to the best of Purdy's knowledge and belief, he should know them if he saw that he did not speak to the burglar at all, and says it must have been one of his acquaintances who did so. Cabel Wood, the mail-carrier and ferryman between Milton and Newburgh, and Milton Beery, have seen two strangers resembling in dress and height exactly of, running as hard as they could toward Dickey's dock, half a mile north of the Village of Milton, about the time the crowd began to assemble, given to the drug store. Dickey's story is that he was in bed in Milton, and saw the twilight robbers from his window. His father is one of the oldest embankers on the Hudson River. Many of Milton's neighbors believe Purdy's story. While others discredit it. Purdy's reputation is good, and the public opinion is about evenly divided as to whether he is guilty or innocent. Dickey declared to-day that there were the money-drawer was cut out, and that, when the money of strangers were cut out, it was blamed for in order to deceive the captors.

TRYING TO KILL HIS SON.

TRENTON, N. J., May 17.—Dr. Hermann Hunter, of this city, while talking, about 9:30 o'clock this evening, with his father, Jacob Hunter, in his drug store in Broad-street, was fired at with a pistol by the old man, who had been drinking. Fortunately, the bullet missed its mark, passing through the body and the ballot struck the rubber lining of the right cloth. The old man fired the pistol at his son, who, he said, had taken his wife and family away from him. A crowd took hold of the old man and carried off his pistol. The old man is about 70 years of age, and has been married twice. The son is a young man of good character. It is likely that he will decline to be a witness against his father.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

WORK ON APPROPRIATION BILLS.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE AND THE POST OFFICE BILL BY THE SENATE—A VICTORY FOR THE STAR ROUTE RING.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The House to-day suspended the rules and passed the River and Harbor Appropriation bill by a vote of 148 to 47. The opponents of the bill abandoned the purpose of filibustering against it, for the reason, perhaps, that it was doubtful whether they could muster sufficient strength to make a successful contest. After the previous question had been ordered, the 20 minutes allowed for debate were occupied by Messrs. Lounsbery and Cox, of New-York, and Mr. Chalmers, of Mississippi, in opposition to the bill, and by Messrs. Dunnell and Reagan in favor of it. Mr. Lounsberry said that much of the money annually expended under authority of the bill was wasted, and alleged that the navigation of the Hudson and East Rivers had been obstructed rather than improved by the United States Engineers. Mr. Cox opposed the bill because he believed it to be unconstitutional and extravagant beyond all justification. It was never intended that the public funds should be used for improving local streams and harbors and promoting private interests. Mr. Chalmers opposed it because the committee did not provide a sufficiently large sum for the improvement of the Mississippi front of his district, which includes the Harbor of Vicksburg. Mr. Dunnell spoke briefly in defense of generous appropriations to improve the watercourses and harbors of the country; and after Mr. Reagan had explained and defended the course of his committee in preparing the bill, it was passed by the vote above given.

There are now remaining only two of the regular appropriation bills to be reported to the House, namely, the Sundry Civil and General Deficiency. Both of these are nearly prepared, and the former will be reported to the House to-morrow or Wednesday. The Senate to-day passed the Post Office Appropriation bill substantially as it was reported by the Committee on Appropriations. The House clause regarding certain star routes on which compensation for expedition of service was exorbitantly increased by Gen. Brady was stricken out. Very little discussion occurred on this clause, for the reason that the Senate Committee on Appropriations preferred that the matter in dispute should be left for settlement to the conference committee.

THE ELECTORAL RULES.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—It is probable that a caucus of Democratic Senators will be held this week for the purpose of determining what shall be done. It is reasonably certain that an adjournment will not be had until some action has been taken upon the subject of counting the Electoral vote. It can be stated on the highest authority that should Congress adjourn without some legislation upon this subject, President Hayes will promptly call it together again. He has said as much within the last few days. He deems it of greatest importance that Congress should, by legislation, avoid the possible danger of revolution that was incurred at the last election of a President. The necessity of considering this question will be impressed upon the Democratic caucus, where it will be said that it is no longer a question of the personal convenience of members, but one of public duty; and that if the Democratic majority should now run off without lifting a hand in this direction, it could hope for little in the coming campaign.

A RAID ON THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The House to-day set apart Saturday next for the consideration of bills reported by the Committee on Public Buildings. There are 54 bills of this character now on the calendar, authorizing the construction of public buildings in various sections of the country, and providing for an expenditure of over $5,000,000. The indications are that most of them will be passed, as there seems to be a combination among members in whose districts buildings are provided for to make a general raid on the Treasury. If these bills were consolidated into one omnibus bill it could be carried through the House by a vote similar to that by which the River and Harbor bill was passed to-day.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

A BILL SUBSIDIZING STEAM-SHIP LINES TO SOUTH AMERICAN AND MEXICAN PORTS.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A sub-committee of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads presented to the full committee to-day a bill entitled "To Provide for Ocean Mail Service between the United States and Certain Foreign Ports," which was ordered to be reported and recommitted. The bill authorizes and directs the Postmaster-General to make contracts for the transportation of mails to such West Indian, South American, Central American, Mexican, and transpacific ports as in his judgment will best subserve and promote the postal and commercial interests of the United States. Section 2 provides for the publication of the act in certain cities, together with an advertisement inviting proposals, and prescribes the mode of letting the contracts and the bonds to be required of the contractors for the performance of the service under the rules of the Post Office Department. Section 3 provides that the vessels employed in this mail service shall be iron screw steam-ships, built in American ship-yards, and owned and officered by American citizens. They may be divided into three classes. The first class shall not be less than 3,000 tons burden, and capable of attaining a speed of 14 miles per hour, to be used in the South American and transpacific service. The second class shall be of not less than 2,000 tons burden, and capable of a speed of 13½ miles per hour, to be used in the West Indian and Central American service, and the third class shall be of not less than 1,000 tons burden, capable of making 11½ miles per hour, to be used in the service between Mexico and the United States. Section 4 provides that the compensation for the service shall not exceed $30 per mile one way per annum for the first class ships, $20 for the second class and $15 for the third class vessels, and that all contracts made under the act shall be for not less than 12 trips per annum on each line. The aggregate sum to be paid by the Postmaster-General for the service is limited to $1,800,000 per annum. Section 5 provides for the transportation, free of charge, upon each steamer of a United States Mail Route Agent. Section 6 provides for a thorough inspection of each vessel before being accepted for the service, by a United States naval officer, detailed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Ramsey and Gen. Sherman will spend Wednesday and Thursday in New-York, for the purpose of inspecting the forts in and around that harbor.

Col. T. T. Crittenden, Seventeenth Infantry, Superintendent-General of the Recruiting Service, proceeded to Washington on the 12th inst. on business connected with the public service, and on its completion he will return to his station, New-York City. Leave of absence for six months, on surgeon's certificate of disability, with permission to leave the Department of the Missouri, is granted Capt. Sebastian Gunther, Fourth Cavalry; one year, on surgeon's certificate of debility, with permission to go beyond the sea, is granted Capt. Guy V. Henry, Third Cavalry; the leave of absence granted Major J. B. M. Potter, Paymaster, has been extended to July 31. The Superintendent-General of the Recruiting Service has been ordered to cause 40 recruits to be prepared and forwarded, under proper charge, to St. Louis for assignment to the First Infantry.

The Secretary of the Navy has received an official communication from Rear-Admiral Wyman, at Panama, relative to the condition of affairs on the Isthmus. The communication states that there has been no outbreak at Panama over the part of the natives, excepting some political agitation, over the story published in the Panama Star, which was republished in the general dispatches this morning.

The United States ship Portsmouth, which arrived at Hampton Roads on Saturday, has been ordered to Bermuda, Azores, and Halifax. The Powhatan will sail from Annapolis on the 20th for New-Orleans.

Generals William Whitehead, Henry C. Merriam, Smith W. Nichols, Oliver J. Bateman, Morris Miller, and Allen D. Brown have been ordered to attendance on the course of Napoleon Bonaparte at Newport, R. I.; Lieuts. William H. Beckwith, Frederick F. Spencer, Charles Cowles, W. Lowry and Theodore Eck, of the Ordnance, to examine in ordnance practice, and Major R. A. Wainwright to examine for promotion. The following officers have been ordered to duty: Lieut. Col. Dwight Stone, Twenty-first Infantry, from the Hydrographic Office; Capt. John O. Mott, from the Navy-yard, League Island; Lieut. Edwin S. Houston, from the Navy-yard, Washington, and Lieut. Charles E. Stockton, from the Navy-yard, New-York.

Brig.-Gen. Jacob Ammen, United States Marine Corps, has been stricken with paralysis, and is not expected to recover.

TAXING LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

ASSEMBLY BILL 459.

By appointment the Life Insurance Companies appeared before the Governor yesterday morning, at Albany, to present their arguments against the law recently passed by the Legislature taxing life insurance. They were represented by the Hon. George E. Andrews, the Hon. Henry E. Alexander, Charlton T. Lewis, Esq., and others. The arguments made embraced the following points among others:

I. IMPERFECT AND VAGUE.

Imperfect.—Section 1 taxes "*premiums, interest, and other incomes.*"

Section 2 requires returns to be made by the companies of the amount of premiums only, making no provision for any returns as to interest and other income.

Section 1 should be amended to correspond with section 2, or section 2 should be made to correspond with section 1.

Vague.—The basis of the tax is (section 1) the "*gross amount of premiums, interest, and other income received by such company upon business transacted in this State.*" How are the words "transacted in this State" to be understood? A company loans on mortgage in Connecticut—where is that business transacted? Or it holds bonds of a city in California, Massachusetts, or Missouri—where is that business transacted?

The act should define clearly the meaning to be the interest or income from investments upon property situated in this State.

A still more important question remains as to the *situs* of every portion of the insurance business of a New-York company which insists that all its contracts are made within this State. The intention of the bill is probably to tax the receipts from premiums upon policies insuring the lives of residents of this State, but this is by no means clear from its terms. Should it be considered otherwise the effect would be to tax again in this State premiums which have already been taxed in another State, and would, besides, be at variance with the requirements of this bill as to the tax imposed on the companies of other States for business transacted in this State.

II. AT VARIANCE WITH PRESENT SYSTEM.

The principle underlying the present system of taxation in this State is to tax a man or a corporation upon what he owns, or what he is worth. To determine this its debts are deducted from its possessions, and he is taxed upon the remainder.

What is the status of a life insurance company under this rule? Its assets are its possessions, its reserves are its debts; the difference between these is its surplus, or what it is worth. That is to say, from the assets are to be deducted its debts, including the sum necessary to reinsure the risks of the company, and the difference is the surplus.

Take the last tax return of one company. It reported a surplus of $11,144,041 04, of which the cost of real estate owned was $7,811,805 18. This real estate is taxed as all other such property is.

But this act proposes to tax the income derived from the assets against which stand the debts of a company.

Further, it taxes the rents from real estate already taxed.

Also the income from dividends upon stocks which are already taxed.

III. THIS BILL PART OF A NEW SYSTEM.

It may be answered to the last objection that this bill is part of a new system. Admitted. But this bill does not itself constitute a system. It is only a small cog-wheel in a vast machine which must consist of many wheels, but where are the wheels whose teeth are to fit with this? Is this poor wheel to be left alone to grind the interests of life insurance?

I suggest, with great deference, that this bill be made harmonious in its sections, and then await the progress of legislation in constructing the entire system.

IV. ULTERIOR EFFECTS OF THIS BILL.

This bill, if approved, will produce results upon the business of life insurance far beyond the limits of this State. Massachusetts, Ohio, New-Jersey, Wisconsin, Connecticut, California, Missouri, Texas, Vermont, Illinois, and other States have, in common with New-York, what are known as reciprocal laws. The law of New-York is as follows:

"Whenever the existing or future laws of any other State shall require of insurance companies organized under the laws of this State * * * any payment for taxes, * * all companies of such States having an agency in this State * * shall pay to the Insurance Department * * for taxes an amount equal to the amount of such charges and payments imposed by the laws of such State upon the companies of this State."

The laws of the States enumerated are founded upon the same principle as that of our State, and the approval of this bill will at once set in operation these so-called reciprocal, but, more properly, retaliatory, laws, with results of which this is, perhaps, the most striking instance. The laws of Ohio provide that when any other State levies any tax upon Ohio companies the same shall be imposed in Ohio upon all companies of such other State. Only one Ohio company does business in New-York, and collected $254 in premiums in 1879. The New-York life companies received in Ohio in 1879 $1,562,983. Thus, the pending bill, if approved, will collect from Ohio companies $8 54 for the Treasury of New-York, at an additional cost of $13,452 53, which the New-York companies will be compelled by it to pay into the Treasury of Ohio, thus imposing the trifling cost of collection upon the New-York companies equal to 160,000 per cent. upon the sum collected as revenue to this State.

It does not seem necessary to more than refer to the fact that this State has, for a period of nearly 25 years, by specifically exempting the business of life insurance from taxation, attracted many millions of capital to this State, most of which has been invested here, to the advantage and development of its business and resources, and a change of policy subjecting such property to taxation should be effected only in compliance with the requirements of a revised system, and in terms so clearly defined as not to be misunderstood, and exacting the minimum rate consistent with such general scheme.

It is not expedient to recite herein the cogent reasons which might be stated, why the liberal policy so long pursued by this State in regard to the accumulation of savings in this form might be wisely adhered to. Recognizing the authority of the State as supreme, a dutiful compliance with the requirements of any clear and well-defined law may be counted upon.

OFF FOR THE ARCTIC OCEAN.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Treasury Department having determined to dispatch the revenue steamer Corwin to cruise in the waters of Alaska for the protection of the interests of the Government on the seal islands, instructions were issued to-day to Capt. Hooper, in command of the vessel, directing him to take on board, without delay, supplies of provisions, fuel, and water for a six months' cruise, and to leave San Francisco not later than the 25d inst. The vessel will proceed from San Francisco direct to Ounalaska, at which place a fresh supply of coal will be taken in. She will then proceed to Norton Sound, touching at the seal islands. If practicable, an officer and two men will be left on Otter Island, to protect the seals there. The commander is instructed to see every care to break up the trade of the vessels at Kotzebue Sound, in the Arctic Ocean, alleged to be engaged in the illicit traffic of rum and fire-arms with the natives of Alaska. He is also to make diligent search for the whaling barks Mount Wollaston and Vigilant, reported to have been caught in the ice within the Arctic Ocean last Autumn, while endeavoring to return through Behring Straits from their season's whaling, and if found to render any assistance to the men. The Corwin will direct that several inquiries be made regarding the protection and whereabouts of the steamer Jeannette, engaged in making explorations under the command of Lieut.-Commander De Long, United States Navy. The Corwin will be provided with new ordnance and small arms.

WOMENS' MISSIONARY WORK.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 17.—At to-day's session of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the following missionaries were appointed: Miss Hattie E. Spencer, of Indiana, to the west coast by the Northern Pacific Railroad; Miss J. H. Bonsall, Philadelphia, to be sent out by the Pacific Coast Conference; Miss Kate Woodward, of Washington, Va., to be sent out by the New-York Branch; Miss Julia Goodwin, of Ohio, to be sent out by the Cincinnati Branch; and Mrs. E. M. Lewis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to be sent out by the New-York Branch.

THE WORK OF THE FLAMES

THE GREAT LOSSES CAUSED BY FOREST FIRES.

FORESTS OF PIKE AND MONROE COUNTIES, PENN., STILL BURNING—NEW-JERSEY PEOPLE ALMOST EXHAUSTED IN FIGHTING THE FLAMES—FIRES ABOUT LAKE GEORGE, IN THIS STATE.

MILFORD, Penn., May 17.—The forest fires still continue to sweep through the forests of Pike and Monroe Counties, Penn., notwithstanding large forces are fighting the flames day and night. In Delaware Township, Pike County, the woods were fired, about noon yesterday, by a boy who was driving his father's cattle home. He said he thought he could put the fire out, but, as a high wind prevailed, the flames spread at an alarming pace, and in a short time a large territory was in flames. Several buildings were in great danger of being destroyed. The farmers turned their horses and cattle out of the stables, and drove them into the cleared fields for safety. A high wind is blowing from the north-west, and the fires are being driven toward the Delaware River. In Porter Township fires are still burning, and several buildings, and a large amount of timber and other property, have been consumed. It is estimated that from 10,000,000 to 18,000,000 feet of lumber, in logs, has been burned. The fire that had been raging within a mile of this place, at one time assuming a threatening aspect, is out. It is impossible to estimate the loss caused by the fires, but it is very great. There are no signs of rain.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., May 17.—The fire is now raging fiercely about Cedar Ridge and Kettle Creek, its course being south-east. All the Protestant churches had special prayers yesterday for rain and for staying the progress of the flames. At Post's Station a house and barn and four cattle were burned on Saturday night. There is so much excitement, it is impossible to get further particulars.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., May 17.—The fire is yet making great devastation in Cumberland and Atlantic Counties. Tuckahoe narrowly escaped destruction. This morning the railroad men report great ravages by fire among the vineyards of the German population of the county. The loss is very heavy. The people are becoming much frightened. In this part of the country there are nearly a thousand families depending on berry-picking and work in the vineyards for a living; consequently, much distress must follow the fires. There is no sign of rain.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., May 17.—At 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was found that the pine forest west of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove was in flames. The fire extended half a mile in from both places. The utmost excitement prevailed. Sparks and cinders, some very large, shot up from the burning woods, and were carried over to the wooden houses which are the more numerous in both the Summer settlements. It was not long before it was found that the Fire Departments of the two towns were totally inadequate. The citizens then undertook to fight the flames and prevent them from reaching the park and grove, by building fires back of the original fire, with the wind in their favor. Both fires soon met. Had not the wind changed and when the "back-firing" began, the chances would have been small of saving the two places. By 9 o'clock the flames were under control. No more than a square mile of the place were destroyed. It is believed the woods were fired by malicious persons.

ATLANTIC, N. J., May 17.—On Saturday night it was thought that the forest fires were over, but this morning alarming reports are received of fiercely-burning fires south and east. These reports state that the fires have destroyed everything in and about Estellville, Ellwood, and Egg Harbor. The atmosphere is so thick with smoke that it is difficult to breathe. The vineyard country from here to Great Egg Harbor is totally destroyed. The people have given up all hope. They are prostrated by their efforts in fighting the flames, and they are helpless with despair.

BALLSTON SPRINGS, N. Y., May 17.—The Prospect Mountain House, at Lake George, was destroyed by a forest fire this afternoon. The flames have extended through the forest to Caldwell Village, where the Fort William Henry Hotel is situated, and fears are entertained for the safety of the village. The inhabitants are now fighting the fire.

OTHER LOSSES BY FIRE.

The Continental Brewery of John Gardiner & Co., at Twenty-first-street and Washington-avenue, Philadelphia, was damaged by fire yesterday morning, the loss on the building and contents being placed at between $150,000 and $200,000. The flames originated from an explosion in the malt-house, caused by friction. The insurance amounts to about $120,000, as follows: On the malt-house, Phœnix, of Hartford; Lancashire, of England; Home, of New-York; North British, North-western National, of Milwaukee; Citizens' of New-York; Manhattan, of New-York; Hartford, of Hartford, and Commercial Union, $5,000 each; total, $45,000. On the machinery in the malt-house, Scottish Commercial, $5,000. On the stock in the malt-house, Merchants' of Providence; Equitable, of Providence; Peoples', of Trenton; Lamar, of New-York; Albany, Guardian, Northern, Atlantic, of Providence; American, of Newark, Peoples', of Newark, and St. Paul, $2,500 each; total, $27,500. On the brewery, building and machinery—Hayward, of New-York, $5,000 on building, Continental, Hanover, and German-American, $2,500 each on building, and $5,000 each on machinery; National, of Hartford; Oriental, of Hartford; Republic, of New-York, $2,000 each on building and $4,000 each on machinery; New-York City, $1,500 on building and $1,500 on machinery; total on building, $20,000; on machinery, $15,000. On stock and brewery—Guardian, Phœnix, of London, and Western, of Canada, $5,000 each; Home and Queen, $2,500 each; total, $20,000.

A fire at Saloma, Mercer County, Ky., has destroyed a block in the business part of the town. The loss is estimated at $30,000. The losers are Daniel Roach, two store-rooms, of wood; Mr. Yorkes, two store-rooms and stock of dry goods; the Graham heirs, one store-room; Mr. Forsyth, a hotel and store. The latter, who was insured in the North American for $8,000, had the only insurance on the entire loss. Saloma has no fire company, and is poorly watered. It required the utmost exertions of every man, woman, and child to prevent the destruction of all the east side of the town. The fire originated in one of Daniel Roach's houses, and is believed to be the work of an incendiary.

A fire early Sunday morning, originating in the tobacco factory of R. E. Jones, in Thirteenth-street, near Market, Louisville, Ky., damaged that building, the property of Mrs. Mozley, to the amount of $4,000, and Jones's stock to the extent of $800. The sewer, drain-pipe, and fire-brick warehouse of W. W. Harris, which joined the tobacco factory building, was damaged to the amount of $1,500. The building of Hackett & Co., manufacturers of metallic coffins, which adjoined the tobacco factory on the south, was damaged to the amount of $16,000. Other losers were: Mrs. Orme, $3,000; the Nocks heirs, $1,000; George S. Moore, $1,000, and W. Harris & Co., $1,500.

One of the cottages of the Spring Hill Institution for Nervous Invalids, at Litchfield, Conn., belonging to Dr. Buel, took fire about 1 o'clock yesterday morning and was consumed. William B. Brittenden, a patient at the time, died from suffocation. The fire originated in his room. No other person was at all injured.

The Evangelical Church, near La Fargeville, N. Y., was burned Sunday morning. The loss is $1,800; no insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

THE DEPUTY MARSHALS BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The following is the text of Mr. Bayard's bill "regulating the pay and appointment of Deputy Marshals," as amended to-day and reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Be it enacted, &c.: That from and after the passage of this act the pay of all Deputy Marshals for services in reference to any election shall be $5 for each day of actual service, and no more.

SEC. 2. That all Deputy Marshals to serve in reference to any election shall be appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the district in which such Marshals are to perform their duties, in each year, at the term of court next preceding any election of Representatives or Delegates in Congress; but if, from any cause, there should be no session of the Circuit Courts in the States or districts where such Marshals are to be appointed, then, and in that case, the Judges of the District Courts of the United States are hereby respectively authorized to cause their courts to be opened for the purpose of appointing such Deputy Marshals, who shall be appointed by the said District Courts And the officers so appointed shall be in equal numbers from the different political factions, and shall be well-known citizens of good moral character, and actual residents of the voting precincts in which their duties are to be performed, and shall not be qualified for any office at such election. All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

IMPUDENT OFFICIAL CLAIMS.

BELVIDERE, N. J., May 17.—The half dozen Warren County officers who have just completed their term in the State Prison are no more than home before trouble breaks out again among the Freeholders. On Friday last, after the regular meeting of the board, Director Larrison requested a special meeting on his behalf. This was granted, and the Director then demanded an investigation of certain charges made by Clerk of the Board DeWitt, through the columns of the Journal, to the effect that Larrison had been accustomed to charge the county for a whole day's services, when he often completes his work in 10 minutes. He quoted one instance in which Larrison charged a full day's services, when he was in 10 minutes time; that he put in a bill for $3 for 3 "day's services," and that after the bill was sworn to, the amount was altered, made larger, and then drawn by Larrison. Mr. Larrison requested that the vouchers for that bill be produced before the board. This was done, and its appearance indicated that it had been altered from $2 to $3. Larrison was very much confused, and said he must have charged it 3 months, for I found there were other charges to be presented, he also felt sure he must have sworn to a month's service, as he was in the habit of charging by the month. Mr. Oil, one of the vouchers, was then produced, and demanded how he could have had Mr. Oil, one of the vouchers, sworn, and Oil, Jr., and demanded how he could have had him, the Notary, account and swear to an entry of payment was found recorded there. The Director claimed that the accounts were false; that he had never been paid, and would use the county's money in his own behalf, if caught off his guard. Investigation will be pushed in the cases of both Larrison and Cox. The bold claims of these men have aroused public sentiment once more. The people are asking whether the ills within prison walls amounted to anything, and if fraud is to make its appearance again.

GENERAL RAILWAY NOTES.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., May 17.—The Board of Managers of the Westchester Railroad met this morning, and accepted the proposition of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad to purchase two-thirds of the stock of the road at par, which will enable the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Road soon to come into possession of the property.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Mr. Covert, of New-York, introduced a bill in the House to-day granting the right of way to the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company through the lands of the United States Light-house establishment, Brighton, Richmond County, N. Y. Also, through the lands of United States now occupied by Forts Richmond and Wadsworth, in the Town of Southfield, Richmond County, the right of way not to exceed 100 feet in width.

CINCINNATI, May 17.—The Cincinnati Southern Railway Company has made a general reduction of passenger rates, to run until July 4, the fares throughout the line to be 3 cents per mile. This, of course, reduces the rates to all points in the South, and may be the beginning of a war of rates between the Cincinnati Southern Railway and its competitors.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Leander F. Riddle died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, at Nice, France, where he was residing for the benefit of his health. He was a member of a wealthy cotton firm, and formerly a State Senator from Newcastle County, Delaware.

Information has been received in Pittsburg, Penn., of the sudden death of Miss Lizzie M. Guthrie, at San Francisco. She was on her way to Japan as a missionary, and was the first lady missionary commissioned by the Methodist Church. She was well known throughout the country, and had many friends in Philadelphia.

Col. Charles H. Lewis, ex-United States Minister to Portugal, died at Harrisonburg, Va., yesterday, of cancer in the face. He was Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1865, under the Pierrepont Government, and was appointed Minister to Portugal by President Grant in 1870. This position he resigned in 1874. He was in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

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BOARDMAN.—At Plainfield, N. J., on the 14th inst., Miss Cornelia R. Boardman, daughter of the late Hon. Elijah Boardman, of New-Milford, Conn.

Funeral Tuesday, 18th inst., at 1:30 o'clock, New-Milford, Conn.

BRADLEE.—On Sunday morning, 16th inst., William B. Bradlee, aged 61 years.

Funeral services at Congregational Church, Washington, Conn., on Wednesday, 19th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

BROWN.—At Elizabeth, N. J., May 17, Wilson Brown, (formerly of Keyport, N. J.,) aged 76.

Funeral private.

CHAPMAN.—Clarence T. Chapman, son of Thomas F. and the late Kate Chapman.

Funeral at the residence of his uncle, T. Alfred Nicholls, No. 237 East 116th-st., this day, at 1:30 o'clock. Friends invited.

CLARK.—Suddenly, May 15, 1880, in New-York, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Centennel, Sarah Ann P., widow of George W. Clark, and daughter of the late Robert Rock, of Brooklyn, E. D.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral at Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

GARDINIER.—On Monday, May 16, in the 64th year of her age, Catharine, wife of Cornelius Gardinier.

Funeral at residence, No. 348 Pacific-st., Brooklyn, on Wednesday, 19th inst., at 12 M.

GLENNEY.—In this city, May 17, at the residence of his parents, of diphtheria, W. Stuart, only son of W. P. and Annie De Treset Glenney, aged 9 years and 10 days.

Interment at Milford, Conn.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday, the 16th inst., Mary Sayre, widow of the late Thos. Hastings, in the 83d year of her age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral in the West Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M. It is kindly requested that no flowers be sent.

HILL.—On Sunday, May 16, at the residence of her brother, in Brooklyn, Hil

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, May 17, 1880.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since last report have been as follows:

B. F. Peas, bags	75	Rosin, bbls	2,185
Bean-way, pkg	1	Oil-cake, pkg	6,621
Cheese, pkg	200	Oil, Lard, bbls	12
Eggs, pkg	1,000	Oil, Lard, bags	175
Flour, bbls	18,656	Pork, pkg	679
Corn-meal, bbls	278	Beef, pkg	75
Corn-meal, bags	50	Tallow, pkg	6,551
Wheat, bushels	141,400	Lard, tcs	2,327
Corn, bushels	160,000	Lard, kgs	120
Oats, bushels	88,800	Butter, pkg	1,827
Rye, bushels	4,000	Cheese, pkg	7,747
Malt, bushels	32,650	Rice, pkg	246
Barley, bushels	10,900	Spelter, pkg	501
Peas, bushels	2,500	Steam-lard, pkg	1,320
Oat-meal, pkg	50	Tobacco, hhds	1
Grass, pkg	87	Tobacco, pkg	817
Hides, bales	1,000	Tobacco, bbls	1
Hops, bales	417	Tobacco, bags	439
Lead, pigs	250	Tobacco, pkg	1,010
Leather, sides	21,125	Whisky, bbls	1,000
Spirits turps, bbls	1,000	Whisky, hhds	101

COFFEE—Rio inactive at former figures, with fair invoices quoted at 14½c., and other grades proportionately. 743 bags Old Victoria, 1,500 bags do., per Kron Prinz, and 1,000 bags per City of Paris were withdrawn from store. Only 157 bags of Cheva sold and steady; sales noted of 500 bags Maracaibo on private terms.

COTTON—No dealings of moment were reported today, as the Cotton Exchange stood adjourned from Saturday last to Wednesday next, in observance of the Wednesday holidays, quotations nominally as last given.

FLOUR AND MEAL—A very moderate degree of animation has been felt in State and Western Flour, even in the jobbing line, as however, verbally unchanged quotations. Winter Wheat Extras have changed offers, which improved and yesterday were more or less irregularly in sale. Sales have been reported since our last of 11,800 bbls, of all grades included in the report, of which 1,200 bbls Low Extras, for shipment, within the range of $4 50@$5 for poor to choice, and up to $5 45 for very fancy, mainly at $4 50@$4 75 for poor to good; 4,300 bbls City Mill Extras, including West India trades, within the previous range of $5 60@$6 50 for fair to very fancy, mainly at $5 70@$6 00 for good to choice; and South American brands quoted at $6@$6 35, the latter for fancy; and ordinary to very fancy English brands at $4 50@$5 25, mostly at $4 75@$5 25. Wood Winter do., for the United Kingdom, brought $5 700 1,650 bbls Minnesota and Wisconsin clear, in lots, at $4 75@$5 40 for very inferior to very fancy, mainly at $5 05@$5 40 (very fancy, went mostly at $5 30@$5 40, an extreme); 500 bbls very fancy sent at $5 75 for shipment; 1,200 bbls do. straight Extras (these at $5 70@$5 75 for common to fancy); 850 bbls Patent Extras (part to arrive) at from $5 75 to $6 50 for poor to fancy, mainly at $5 75@$6 00; 2,650 bbls Winter Wheat Extras, mostly at $4 75@$5 75, mostly at $5 10@$5 50; 1,100 bbls went for export at $5 10@$5 50; 850 bbls Winter Wheat Patent Extras (these at $6 10@$6 50, the latter for fancy); 1,000 bbls City Mill Patent, strictly fancy brands quoted as high as $6 50@$6 75; Superfine, these at $3 70@$4 60 for poor to choice Spring, and $4 10@$4 80 for inferior to very fancy. Wheat Meal mostly at $4 50@$4 75 for fair to choice (136 bbls very fancy Southern Illinois went as high as $4 90); equal to 1,080 bbls No. 1 Graham at $4 25@$4 50. Rye Flour, Spring, and $3 10@$3 85 for poor to very fancy. Corn Meal, Unsound and Sour Flour at from $3 10@$3 50, mostly from Unsound. Flour in bond, 1,000 bbls Canadian, at private sale.

GRAIN—Wheat—Spring Wheat ruled fairly active and quoted at 1c. higher, with fair demand for export, and 1,000 bushels sold for shipment at $1 26@$1 27, closing at $1 27 asked, (against $1 26 bid, $1 26 asked, at 5 p. m. Saturday); 120,000 bushels do., per steamer, at $1 23@$1 23½, (4,000 bushels at $1 23½); closing at $1 23½ (against $1 23 asked on Saturday); 16,000 bushels Winter Wheat at $1 25@$1 26, closing at $1 26 asked. Rye, 61,000 bushels 2 Red, at $1 21@$1 21½, mostly at $1 21½@$1 21½, closing at $1 21½ asked. Barley (against $1 40 asked on Saturday); 124,000 bushels do., June option, at $1 31@$1 32, closing at $1 32 (against $1 32 asked on Saturday evening); 48,000 bushels do., June option, at $1 35@$1 35½, closing at $1 35½ (against $1 35½ asked on Saturday); 40,000 bushels do., August options, at $1 10@$1 10½; 16,000 bushels East Shore Barley, at $1 40@$1 45 for ungraded Amber, in lots, at $1 30@$1 38; 20,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago and Milwaukee Spring, at $1 22, (with New-York No. 2 Spring, May options, quoted at $1 21 bid, $1 22 asked, and $1 22½@$1 23 for June Spring. May option, at $1 21½ asked, and $1 20½ bid, and do., June options, at $1 21 asked, and $1 19½ bid). CORN—Early decline in Corn, with fair demand for field offerings, and a good demand, partly for shipment. Options have been moderatively active, opening at a reduction of ½c. a bushel, but declining a little toward the closing. Sales have been reported of 531,000 bushels, (of which 151,000 bushels for prompt delivery,) including New-York No. 2 regular inspection, early deliveries, about 48,000 bushels, at 53c.@53½c., nearly all at 53c.; New-York No. 2, May options, 10,000 bushels, at 51c., closing at 51c. bid; No. 2, June, 158,000 bushels, at 52½c., closing at 52½c. bid; special delivery early in June, at 50½c.; do., July, 32,000 bushels, at 49½c.@49¾c., closing at 49½c. bid; New-York steamer Mixed at 52c.@53c.; do. by options, 52½c.@53½c.; Western, ungraded, 50½c.@53½c., as to quality; New-York No. 3, in lots, at 51½c.@51¾c.; Yellow Western at 54c. White Western at 54c.; No. 2 White at 55½c.; Low Mixed Yellow at 55c.

OATS—Mixed have been further advanced ½c.@1c. a bushel, on limited offerings and a fairly active inquiry, though closing tamely. White remained in good stronger, and in request. Sales have been reported since our last of 112,000 bushels, including New-York No. 1 White, 12,500 bushels, at 43c. cash; 43½c. at 48½c.@49c.; New-York No. 2 White, 43,000 bushels, at 47c.@47½c., closing at 47½c. asked; New-York No. 2 White, 1,600 bushels, 45½c.@46c.; New-York No. 1 Mixed, 1,000 bushels, 45c.; New-York No. 2 Mixed, 45c.@46c., chiefly at 45½c.@46c., closing at 46c.; do. May options, 30,000 bushels, at 43c.; No. 2, 4,000 bushels, at 44c. White Western, ungraded, 44c.@48c.; Mixed do., 43c.@46c., as to quality; Mixed do., 7,800 bushels, at 44c.@46c.; White State, 4,800 bushels, at 49c.@51½c.; Mixed State, 1,600 bushels, at 45c.@46c.; No. 2 Chicago quoted at 45½c.@46c.

RYE—More active and quoted up about 1c. a bushel. Two boat-loads of Canada reported sold at 91c. in bond; 7,000 bushels, 94½c., closing firmly at 93c.; two do. do., May arrivals, at 90½c., (placed early.)

BARLEY—Neglected; quoted about as before.

BARLEY-MALT—Very dull on the basis of previous figures.

SEED—Again advanced to-day, on limited offerings and a good demand: 49 to 60 lbs. sold at $2@$2 25.

STOCK—Cotton Seed Oil—The stock of Cotton Seed Oil in port is reported at 1,505,779 pounds Crude against 1,241,947 pounds last Monday; 343,864 bushels Corn, 46,007 bushels Oats, 49,414 bushels Barley, 190,522 bushels Malt, 157,074 bushels Oats, and 2,625 bushels Peas. The aggregate of Grain in store is 2,200,567 bushels, as against 1,700,703 bushels last Monday, 1,700,703 bushels May 19, 1879, and 3,323,118 bushels May 21, 1878.

NAVAL STORES—A very limited movement has been reported recently in Rosin in the local market, though there has been a fair demand for it, at values, with Strained to good Strained quoted at $1 30@$1 40½, and other grades proportionately low. Tar—Pitch of Tar—Sales of 300 bbls Tar at $2 75@$3 25. City Pitch at $2 25@$2 37½. Spirits Turpentine has attracted much attention, and has been again quoted at the close at 29c.; sale of 30 bbls. at 28c.... Stock in yard, 92,184 bbls. Rosin, 256 bbls. Crude Turpentine, 12,309 bbls. Spirits do., 2,391 bbls. Tar.... And Refined Petroleum, 3,417 bbls. Spirits Turpentine and 25 bbls. Crude do.

PETROLEUM—Refined has been in moderate request and much better feeling, with quotations for prices, quoted here, for early delivery, at 7½c.; for hard, is nominally at 8c., also inquired for to a moderate extent at 8½c. and 8¾c. Crude is quoted at 6¼c. for Duns, 6¾c. Naphtha at 5½c.... At Philadelphia Refined Petroleum quoted at 7½c.... At Baltimore, Refined Petroleum quoted at 7½c.... At the Petroleum Exchange the reported dealings in United Certificates of Crude, here and at the primary markets, have been to a more limited extent, opening at 79½c. ranging from 79½c. to 81½c., closing at 81½c. bid.

PROVISIONS—A moderately active movement has been reported in Mess pork, which here has quoted a trifle easier.... Mess Pork has been in moderate request for prompt delivery; quoted at $11 20@$11 30 sales of 525 bbls. New at $11 20@$11 30.... And in the option line, Western Mess has been inquired for, with May options nominally at $11 20, and June at $11 25@$11 35; July at $11 35@$11 40; August at $11 50, and September at $11 60. Sales of 250 bbls. new Mess for July delivery, at $11 30.... Beef Mess is fair demand, with City quoted at 9½@9¾c. and Ripe at 6½c.... Cut-meats have been highly dealt in on the basis of prompt shipment, with a very good movement in Hams, with Long Clear quoted at 6 13-16c.; Short Clear at 7 1-16c.... Western Smoke Large has attracted little attention for early delivery, but has been quoted nominally at 8½c. Sales reported of Western Steam Lard, for early delivery, to the extent of 771 tcs. at 7 75@7 77½.... And in the option line, Western Steam Lard has been moderately sought after and quoted a trifle easier, with May closing at $7 75@$7 77½; June at $7 85@$7 87½; July at $7 90@$7 92½; August at $7 95; September at $7 95@$7 97½.... Sales have been reported of Western Steam at 1,000 tcs., May, at $7 77½@$7 80; June, at $7 85@$7 87½; July, at $7 90@$7 92½; and for August, at $7 95@$7 97½. Year option, at $7 92½.... City Steam Lard has been inactive; quoted at the close at $7 15@$7 17½.

Tallow—Sales of 171 tcs. at $7 15@$7 17½. Refined Lard highly dealt in, quoted for Continental, early delivery, at the close $7 60. There has been a good demand for Refined Petroleum (Stand. White, 70 deg.) for export, at 7½c. bid, 7¾c. asked, closing at 7½@7¾c. Refined Lard quiet and steady

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ELECTIONS.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 13, 1880.
AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, held at the office of the company, in the City of New-York, on Tuesday, the 11th day, the following gentlemen were elected managers for the ensuing year:
JOHN A. LOW,
JAMES H. ROOSEVELT,
GERARD B. CANNON,
JAMES S. SAILOR,
GEORGE DIMON,
THOMAS CORNELL,
GEO. CABOT WARD,
ROBERT E. ROME,
JAMES BROOKS,
LEVI S. MORTON,
ADOLPHUS HAMILTON,
ABRAHAM B. VAN VEET.
And at a meeting of the Board of Managers, held this day, Thomas Dickson, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.
By order of the Board. GEORGE L. HAIGHT, Secretary.

NEW-YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB, NEW-YORK, May 10, 1880.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of members and the election of officers and Directors of the Institution will be held at the Institution, Washington Heights, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 18, at 3 o'clock.
There will be an exhibition of pupils on the occasion, which the members are particularly invited to witness. The Hudson River Railroad will convey members to the grounds of the Institution. A train leaves Thirtieth-street station at 1 P. M., and returning, will leave the Institution at 4 P. M.
FRANCIS R. ADAMS, Secretary.

PACKED MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Pier FOOT OF CANAL-ST., NORTH RIVER.
NEW-YORK, MAY 11, 1880.
THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Packed Mail Steamship Company will be held at the office of the company, Pier foot of Canal-st., North River, in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of May, 1880, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors and the management of such other business as may come before the meeting. The transfer books will close on the 15th day of May, 1880, at 3 o'clock P. M.
By order of the Board of Directors.
W. H. LANE, Secretary.

CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors, pursuant to law, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in Chicago, on THURSDAY, June 3, next, at 11 o'clock A. M. Transfer books close April 24, and reopen June 4.
Stockholders will authenticate their voting bonds by registration.
ALBERT KEEP, President.
R. L. SYMS, Secretary.

GOLDSBORO, CHICAGO AND INDIANA CENTRAL.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in Chicago, on TUESDAY, June 1, 1880, at 12 o'clock P. M. The books will be closed from May 15 to June 1, inclusive.
GORDON RECORDS, Secretary.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business of the company, will be held at the office of the company, in Milwaukee, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of June, 1880, at 12 o'clock noon.
The transfer books will be closed on the 17th inst. and reopened on the day of meeting.
JOHN E. WORTHINGTON, Assistant Secretary.
May 1, 1880.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NEW-YORK CITY, MAY 1, 1880.
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FOR DIRECTORS,
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SAMUEL PUTNAM, with Fletcher, Harrison & Co.
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A. G. HEBOLD, with Continental National Bank.
Election TUESDAY, May 18, 1880. Polls open from 3 P. M. to 8 P. M.

DES MOINES AND FORT DODGE R. R. CO.
A meeting of the stockholders and bondholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, CHAMBER WHEELER, Esq., No. 61 Wall-st., New-York, on the 1st day of June, 1880, at noon, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, also for the purpose of the election by the bondholders of a new trustee under their mortgage in place of the New-York State Loan and Trust Company. By order of the board.
FRANK RAUSCHENBUSCH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK NATURAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, No. 17 Park-place, on TUESDAY, May 18, 1880, at 12 o'clock M.
The transfer books will be closed from May 8 to 18th inclusive. By order of the board.
CHARLES PLACE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the St. Joseph Land Company, for the election of Trustees and for such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, No. 128 Broadway, on THURSDAY, the 20th day of May, at 12 o'clock noon.
WM. H. WARD, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, May 10, 1880.

FINANCIAL.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railway Company, will be held at the office of the company, in the City of New-York, on the 1st day of June, at 12 o'clock M.
A. BRIDGHAM, Secretary. E. W. BARKLEY, President.

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The exchange will be made at the office of J. S. KENNEDY & CO., No. 52 William-st., New-York.
Holders of the Purchasing Committee's receipts will be required to have their bond slips ready for stamping and replacement of the new Certificates and Scrip.
By order of the Purchasing Committee,
JOHN S. KENNEDY, Chairman.

THE CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY, GENERAL OFFICE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 15, 1880.
THIS COMPANY HAVING BEEN REQUESTED to purchase a large amount of its consolidated bonds for account of the sinking fund mortgage, and to permit the said bonds to run until their maturity in the year 1914, and the company being willing to comply with the request of the bondholders,
Notice is hereby given that any of the holders of the consolidated bonds may present their bonds at the United States Trust Company, in the City of New-York, when and where an indorsement will be placed upon any bonds so presented, cancelling the sinking fund clause, and all bonds so indorsed will hereafter be payable in the year 1914, but not any bonds maturing in the year 1914, but not any bonds outstanding not so presented and indorsed, this company will continue to pay into the sinking fund, to be held by the Trustees, and such bonds will remain subject to redemption by the sinking fund, as in the original deed of trust provided. J. H. DAVENPORT, President.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY COMPANY.
Holders of coupon bonds of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company certificates of construction bonds of the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company are hereby notified that the 7 per cent coupon bonds issued in the second Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, Series B, exchange therefor, will be ready for delivery at the office of said Trust Company, No. 45 Exchange-place, on and after May 20, 1880, on which date the 7 per cent coupon bonds for said consolidated bond will be due and payable.
Coupons due on the same are of $1,000 each, bear interest from Jan. 1, 1880, payable semi-annually, and may be registered if desired. Receipts will be given for fractional coupons, which will be exchanged for coupons for any multiple of $1,000 or multiple; and holders of less than $1,000 desiring to consolidate such receipts may apply to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, No. 68 Williams-st., New-York, or the undersigned, at the office of Gold, Harbour & Swords, No. 10 Pine-st. CORNELIUS H. GOLD, President.
APRIL 20, 1880.

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NEW-YORK, MAY 13, 1880.
Notice is hereby given that the Nine per Cent. notes of this company, issued for the purchase of the first mortgage bonds of the Central Railroad Company of Minnesota, will be paid on presentation at the office of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, No. 68 Williams-st., and that interest on said notes will cease on July 1, 1880.
By order of the board of directors.
F. M. MYERS, Secretary.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY EXTENSION COMPANY.
NEW-YORK, MAY 13, 1880.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of the mortgage executed to secure the first mortgage 7 per cent. bonds of this company will be redeemed on presentation at the office of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, No. 68 Williams-st., and that interest on said bonds will cease on Jan. 1, 1881.
By order of the board of directors.
F. M. MYERS, Secretary.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY.
Holders of bonds of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, known as the "Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds," are hereby notified that on presenting their bonds at the office of the company, No. 68 Williams-st., New-York, they will be stamped with a clause, and will be redeemed on presentation at the sinking fund, and such bonds will remain subject to redemption by the sinking fund, as in the original deed of trust provided. F. M. MYERS, President.

TO THE BONDHOLDERS OF THE DELAWARE LAND COMPANY.
Notice is hereby given that the sum of $1,000 of Delaware Land Company Bonds, being one of the Thousand Dollars for the Sinking Fund, will be paid by THE PHILADELPHIA TRUST, SAFE DEPOSIT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, in Philadelphia, for the mortgage, at their office in Philadelphia, until the 7th day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time the proceeds will be applied.
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY will be closed from the 20th of May, inclusive, and reopened on the morning of Tuesday, the 1st of June next.
C. C. CLARKE, Treasurer.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY COMPANY.
HOLDERS OF FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, AND ST. LOUIS, ARKANSAS AND TEXAS RAILWAY COMPANY, are hereby notified that on presentation at the office of the undersigned, at No. 68 Williams-st., New-York, they will be stamped with a clause, and will be redeemed on presentation at the sinking fund, and such bonds will remain subject to redemption by the sinking fund, as in the original deed of trust provided.
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The examination of candidates for admission will begin on
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, AT 9:30 A. M.
Commencement at the Academy of Music, on WEDNESDAY, June 9, at 10 A. M.
SCHOOL OF MINES.
The annual examination of the several classes will begin on
MONDAY, MAY 17, AT 2:30 A. M.
The examination of candidates for admission to any one of the regular courses, viz., Mining Engineering, Civil Engineering, Analytical and Applied Chemistry, Geology and Paleontology, Metallurgy, will begin on
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, AT 9:30 A. M.
Commencement at the Academy of Music, on WEDNESDAY, June 9, at 10 A. M.
JOHN A. BARNARD, LL.D., President.
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FREELAND MINING COMPANY.
OFFICE NO. 115 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, (BONNER BUILDING,) May 10, 1880.
The Trustees have declared a dividend (No. 1) of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, being one-half of the net earnings for the quarter, payable on the 15th inst. and ending June 15 next, to the stockholders of record on the 10th inst., when the transfer books will be closed.
JOHN W. BRIGHT, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, 12th May, 1880.
THE FATHER DRINKS CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINING COMPANY of California declared a dividend of $1,000,000, payable at the office of the undersigned, 52 William-st., New-York, on and after the 15th inst. A. MEYER, President.
THOS. WINSLOW, Secretary.

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A GREAT GERMAN FESTIVAL

OPENING OF THE PICNIC SEASON.

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Yesterday was an appropriate day to celebrate as the opening of Summer, and the Germans were out in great force to do honor to Pfingst Montag. Wherever a little patch of green, a tree, and a bag of beer could be found in combination, there the Germans were gathered together making themselves merry. They marched, they sang, they danced, they rolled on the green, they plucked wild flowers, they made love to the young German lassie, and in every appropriate way bade welcome to the season of picnics and out-door enjoyments. There were celebrations all over the City, and in every street car were seen happy groups going to or returning from the picnic. The principal celebration of the day was at the Schuetzen Park, Union Hill, N. J., where a shooting match of four days is in progress. The 61 companies of the Germania Schuetzenbund Washington Zities met in Walhalla Hall, in Orchard-street, in the morning, and marched down to the City Hall Park, where the procession was reviewed by the Mayor and Aldermen. The troops were formed in six battalions, under Majors Milten, Hanseleter, Shafer, Conradi, Delk, and Mertens. After the review, the march was resumed to the Barclay-street Ferry, and the 2,000 men crossed the river to the Schuetzen Park, each battalion headed by a band of music. There was a great force waiting in Hoboken to receive the New-Yorkers, consisting of the Union Hill Schuetzen Corps, under Capt. Engel; the New-Jersey Schuetzen Corps, Capt. Handekoph; Company B, of the State Militia, Capt. Crobsty, and the Jersey City Heights Schuetzen corps, Capt. Alemacher. All the carriages and street cars in the neighborhood of the ferry were called into requisition, the officers going from the ferry to the grounds in carriages, and the men in the cars, with the exception of a few, who marched up the hill. The procession made a fine appearance in the streets, marching well, and doing credit to the organizations. In the afternoon there were several thousand persons in the Schuetzen Park, and everywhere were heard the music of many bands and the cracking of rifles. The shooting for prizes began at 2 o'clock, and from that time on the shooting gallery was crowded, and the target men were kept busy. In every shady nook and corner groups were gathered around tables, *the men generally in uniform, and the lasses* in fancy Summer costumes. The tables were spread with substantial lunches; and when the young men reached that happy point where they could eat no more, they turned their attention to music, and sang German songs till their lungs longed for a rest. In the evening the grounds were lighted up and a merry party made the floor of the big dancing platform jingle. There were all sorts of funny games, as there always are at the Schuetzen Park; wheelbarrow races, blindfold races, sack races, bowling matches, and acrobatic feats. The shooting is to be continued to-day and to-morrow. To-morrow the prizes will be awarded to the best marksmen, with some ceremony. They consist of 25 medals and $1,500 in money. The winner of the first prize, $500, is also to receive a gold badge from the issues of the park. The number of visitors was largely augmented in the evening, and the dancing was continued till midnight.

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THE LATE CHIEF-JUSTICE.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COURTS IN THIS CITY—EULOGIES FROM THE BENCH AND BAR.

The several branches of the Supreme, Superior, Common Pleas, and Marine Courts adjourned yesterday morning as a mark of respect for the memory of the late Chief-Justice of the Court of Appeals. A meeting of members of the Bar was held in the afternoon in the room of the Supreme Court, General Term, to give expression to regret for the sudden death of Judge Church. The room was crowded with Judges of the various courts and the best-known lawyers of this City. Presiding Judge Noah Davis, of the Supreme Court, acted as Chairman of the meeting. The Vice-Presidents were Chief-Justice Curtis, of the Superior Court; Chief-Justice Charles P. Daly, of the Court of Common Pleas; Judge Blatchford, of the United States Circuit Court; Judge Choate, of the United States District Court; Recorder Smyth, and Surrogate Calvin. Mr. A. J. Vanderpoel made a speech in eulogy of the deceased Chief-Justice, and then presented a series of resolutions declaring that the Bar of the City of New-York bore willing and grateful testimony to his learning, ability, industry, and scrupulous fidelity in the discharge of his judicial functions, in supporting the resolutions, ex-Judge John K. Porter, formerly of the Court of Appeals, said that the Constitution of the Chief-Justice Church were such that, if his office had expired otherwise than by death, he would have been renominated by both parties and re-elected by acclamation. Eulogies addressed to the memory were made by Mr. E. W. Stoughton, ex-Judge Henry E. Davies, Mr. George T. Munger, Mr. Frederick R. Coudert, Mr. Algernon S. Sullivan, ex-Judge Freeman J. Fithian, and Mr. R. O. Benedict. Presiding Judge Noah Davis wept as he told his estimate of the character and powers of Chief-Justice Church, and of the occurrences of their earlier years, when they were associated as partners in the practice of the law in the little town of Albion, Orleans County. The resolutions having been adopted, Judge Davis appointed the following named gentlemen a committee to represent the Bar of this City at the funeral, to take place to-day: Mr. Stephen F. Nash, President of the Bar Association; Mr. Charles Tracy, President of the Law Institute; Mr. A. J. Vanderpoel, Mr. R. Brownell, Mr. Francis N. Bangs, Mr. Edward Patterson, Mr. Elihu Root, Mr. John E. Burrill, Mr. Clifford A. Hand, Mr. Henry L. Clinton, Mr. Bridge T. Gerry, Mr. I. W. Bridge, Mr. George S. Munger, Mr. Lubbe P. Marsh, Mr. William Allen Butler, Mr. O. H. Palmer, Mr. A. S. Sullivan, ex-Judge Ashbel Green, ex-Judge Freeman J. Fithian, Mr. I. L. Delafield, and Mr. Richard O'Gorman.

The Surrogate's Court was adjourned after the call of the motion calendar, and Surrogate Calvin, Judge Pratt, everybody were heard in the music of many bands and the cracking of rifles. The shooting for prizes began at 2 o'clock, and from that time on the shooting gallery was crowded, and the target men were kept busy. In every shady nook and corner groups were gathered around tables, *the men generally in uniform, and the lasses* in fancy Summer costumes. The tables were spread with substantial lunches; and when the young men reached that happy point where they could eat no more, they turned their attention to music, and sang German songs till their lungs longed for a rest. In the evening the grounds were lighted up and a merry party made the floor of the big dancing platform jingle. There were all sorts of funny games, as there always are at the Schuetzen Park; wheelbarrow races, blindfold races, sack races, bowling matches, and acrobatic feats.

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STATE EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE—PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, May 17.—Less than 50 members of the Assembly were present at 8 o'clock when the House was called to order by the Speaker. On Mr. Alvord's motion, a recess was taken until 7:30 o'clock, in order to give Gov. Cornell an opportunity to communicate with the Senate and Assembly simultaneously, a Message in regard to the death of the late Chief-Justice Church. When the House assembled, the Message of the Governor was presented, and read as follows:

STATE OF NEW-YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, May 17, 1880.

To the Legislature:

It is my painful duty to announce to the Legislature the death of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, which occurred on the 14th inst. at his home in the Village of Albion. Sanford E. Church passed from this life without note or warning. Almost in the twinkling of an eye, the strong man was summoned, while in active vigor of his judicial duties, into the presence of his Maker, the great Judge of all. The tidings of his death have been everywhere received by the people of this State with sorrow. Expressions of sincere and deep sense of the great loss that has befallen the State are universal and undiluted.

For nearly 40 years Judge Church has been a prominent figure in the public affairs of the state. A shining superior ability and untiring devotion to duty, combined with high character and unquestioned integrity, have secured the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and maintained it throughout his long and eventful career. Positive, fearless, and consistent in his political convictions, and faithful to those who shared his views, he mingled with his fellows, married and enjoyed the favor of his party in a remarkable degree. In official service his record is unviable one. As member of the Assembly, District Attorney, Lieutenant-Governor, Controller, member of the Constitutional Convention, and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, he acquitted himself with unusual credit. In every capacity or association he uniformly proved himself to be a leader of men. At the Bar, in the councils of his party, in the State Convention, he was always a leader in the front rank, wielding an influence superior to none, and equaled by few. In social life, his genial manners made him always a welcome guest. His high sense of the purity of his private life, the happiness of his domestic relations, presented a symmetry of character and an example worthy of emulation.

Called by the people to preside over our highest court just 10 years ago to-day, Judge Church discharged his great trust with eminent success and fidelity. His fame in jurisprudence spread beyond his state. It is beginning to be distorted by many of opposite political opinions, but his impartiality and patriotic motives were disguised every doubt, and it will now be gratefully said that he never, in the history of the state, has the appellate court enjoyed the confidence of the people in a higher degree than during the period of his service as its Chief Judge.

The awful suddenness with which this distinguished career has been arrested furnishes an admonition which we may well heed. By the inscrutable dispensation of Providence should we not be warned again of the uncertainty of life? Although sudden deaths are of almost daily occurrence, it is only when a prominent life has been removed that we pause for reflection. Seldom is the nearness of the dreaded messenger so forcibly illustrated as in this instance. In a few hours this journal man, darling his mind in the solution of legal questions, is changed into inanimate clay. A happy family, secure in the affections of a loving husband and father, is plunged into the deepest affliction and bereavement.

Believing that the eminent character and distinguished public services of this statesman and jurist render his memory worthy of special consideration, you are recommended to take such action as shall seem appropriate, and to make suitable record of the appreciation of a grateful people of the devoted and intelligent labors of a faithful public servant.

ALONZO B. CORNELL.

When Clerk Johnson had finished the reading of the Message Mr. Alvord offered a series of appropriate resolutions regretting the death of the Chief-Justice, and conveying to the bereaved family the sympathy of the members of the Assembly. Addresses were made by Messrs. Phillips of Orleans, Alvord of Onondaga, Rhodes of Rensselaer, Baker of Monroe, and Varnum and McCarthy of New-York. At the conclusion of the addresses the resolutions were adopted, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Phillips, Rhodes, Baker, Terry, and Parker, was appointed to attend the funeral at Albion. The House then adjourned.

In the Senate, after the reading of the Governor's Message, a special committee of five was appointed to draft suitable resolutions and report at a special meeting to be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 17.—At a citizens' meeting held this evening, which was largely attended, a resolution was passed that the Board of Trustees attend the funeral of the late Chief-Justice in a body; that all places of business be closed from 1 o'clock to 4, and that all public buildings and business places be draped in mourning. Prominent men from abroad are beginning to arrive. The body will lie in state in the west parlor, to-morrow, from 12 to 2:30 P. M.

BROOKLYN ART ASSOCIATION.

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RECEPTION—EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS.

The Brooklyn Art Association gave a highly successful reception last evening in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The Art Gallery Building and the Academy were made into one for the occasion, and after the visitors had satisfied their taste or curiosity by a study of the pictures in the Art Gallery, they could stroll through the assembly-room into the Academy and listen to the music of a fine band. The parquet had been floored over to the stage level and carpeted; in the middle of a large improvised floor was a set of house of flowering plants, very prettily arranged, in which the musicians were placed, and from which they discoursed their select programme to a very crowded house. Nearly 3,000 invitations had been issued, and it seemed that every one had been availed of, so great was the crush during the earlier hours of the evening. Of the pictures on exhibition, there were some 300, all by American artists, and in oils. The exhibition will continue until the 26th. There were half a dozen pictures in the assembly-room which had been lent for the evening, but the exhibition proper is confined strictly to the Art Gallery. The reception of last evening was the fifteenth in the history of the association, which is now in its twelfth season, a Spring and Fall reception being given every year. The Reception Committee was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Ladies—Mrs. S. B. Chittenden, Mrs. David M. Stone, Mrs. Horace B. Claflin, Mrs. D. C. Robbins, Mrs. Henry Pierson, Mrs. H. Snow, Mrs. Alfred C. Barrett, Mrs. Thomas T. Buckley, Mrs. L. S. Burnham, Mrs. S. W. Boswell, Mrs. J. A. Buckingham, Mrs. J. E. Prentice, Mrs. Jarvis K. Beebee, Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Daniel Chauncey, Mrs. John S. Granger, Mrs. J. S. T. Stranahan, Mrs. George B. Corbett, Mrs. Theodore Dreier, Mrs. Edward E. Ramsay, Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, Mrs. S. B. Howard, Mrs. D. D. T. Howard, Mrs. Cornell McAllen, Mrs. William J. Pierson, Mrs. Benjamin Shelley, Mrs. F. Prentice, Mrs. Lon Morton, Mrs. Henry R. Pierson, Mrs. S. Sou-

Thomas A. Howell, W. M. Alfriend, Thomas T. Buchley, Jr., Mr. Bill, Jr., C. Otto C. Muller, Joseph Thomas, Charles Pratt, R. L. Cutter, John K. Cutter, R. H. Manning, Andrew Dougherty, James Blakelock, F. H. Hartman, George A. Jarvis, W. W. Kemper, R. S. Rhowden, Henry A. Slocum, A. C. Jackson, Jr., Thomas L. Green, George A. Byrne, Peter T. Hatch, Arthur W. J. Spencer, J. S. Spanhan, C. L. Benedict, James F. Wallace, and the Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, D. D. In addition to the above named, there were present last evening Mr. R. W. Hubbard, President of the Association; Mr. Wm. H. Hunter, Vice-President; Mr. Gordon L. Ford, Treasurer; Mr. Robert R. Law, Secretary, and Messrs. Bryan R. Smith, John J. Van Nostrand, Henry Sanger, and James How, of the Executive Committee. The reception was a great success, and the last visitors did not leave the rooms till a late hour of the night.

EXHIBITION OF WATER-COLORS.

PICTURES BY SPANISH AND ITALIAN ARTISTS TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

Yesterday a very good collection of water-colors, made by Mr. E. R. Sheridan, was exhibited on private view at the Schenck Art Gallery, No. 57 Nassau-street. The catalogue comprises the names of a great many artists quite well known, but more particularly representatives of a new school of Italian and Spanish squarelists, by no means deficient in strength and color. There has lately sprung up in Spain a number of water-colorists of surprising vigor, who have made a renaissance in their art. An excellent example of this work is to be found in the No. 19, "Meditation," by Hispaleto, of Madrid. There are several pictures by this artist, as the No. 67, a "Spanish Gypsy," and No. 85, "Feeding of the Doves," all of which show exceeding force and vigor. "A Pleasant Story," the No. 105, by Maurina, of Madrid, is very like, in tone and feeling, the work of Hispaleto. Such French art as is shown evinces itself in a military bit of work, "Reconnoitring" by Fort, which is fairly good, a whole series of exceedingly well painted flower pieces by Rivoire, and by some very clever compositions of Le Bas, who, in his treatment of color, is more English than French. "The Evening at Fontainbleau," by Le Bas, is a capital work in water-colors. There are two pictures of large size by Fortuny, the one of "Land's End," coast of Cornwall, is better than the landscape. The marine piece represents a sweeping sea, which has mobility in it, and the artist took a carefully worked Corsican stiletto, of Roman workmanship, from Little Rapetti's museum in Rome, which, though they be dry in tone, are truthful, as they represent the atmosphere and *couleur local* of the old city. Brisset, the Jaque in aquarelle of shepherds and sheep, has two very charming pieces, the one, "Shepherd Playing the Mandolin," by G. Guardabassi, of Rome, is a remarkably good work, novel in treatment, and of exceeding strength. There are few of these Madrid water-colorists who do not possess a remarkable power of coloring, as may be noticed in the "Contemplation," the No. 115, by Castano, of Madrid. There is a strong bond of union between all these Spanish painters, and the individuality of a school seems to be impressed upon the whole of *them. Zamacois, who, rarely shown in water colors to-day, has a slight sketch, "Dreamer" Discussion," No. 161. Valdecasa, of Toledo, has an* Arab chief standing out against the background of a red cloak, which is boldly executed. The Fortuny, a Roman peasant girl, is quite disappointing, as it shows in no way the peculiar manner of the master. The "Cavalier" of Meissonier, the No. 104, is by no means satisfactory, though from positive data, there is no doubt as to the authenticity of both these sketches. As to the Corots, of which there are several examples, they are very good, and in these sketches one can see the peculiar method of this artist. The whole collection is a very excellent one, and good pictures are in large proportion than the commonplace or inferior ones. The entire catalogue—some 197 pictures—will be sold on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3 o'clock.

YACHTING ON THE HARLEM.

A RACE BETWEEN THE OPEN SLOOPS SOPHIA EMMA AND COMET.

The yachting season in this vicinity was opened yesterday by a race between the open sloops Sophia Emma and Comet, on the Harlem River, for the Dowling Challenge Cup. It was the seventh competition for this trophy. Until this season the cup has been open to yachts that measure under 21 feet. Recently the committee who have the contests for the cup under their supervision extended the measurement 2 feet. The Sophia Emma is 21 feet 9 inches, and is owned by Gen. Varian and his brother Jacob. She is noted for her speed and beauty. The Comet is a smack craft, but only measures 18 feet 6 inches in length. She is owned and generally sailed by William Decker. The Empire course, over which the yachts sailed for the cup yesterday, extends from the Empire Club house, foot of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street; thence to and around a stake-boat anchored off the foot of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street; thence to and around a stake-boat anchored off the Manhattan Yacht Club house, foot of Eighty-ninth-street, and return to the starting point. This course was sailed over three times—a distance of 15 miles. The wind was piping out merrily from the north-west when the judges fired the signal to start. Capt. Jacob carried whole sail, but the jib of the Comet was furled. The Sophia Emma had a jibsail, a little jacktop bowled through the water toward the upper stakeboat. A moment or two later sheets were ordered to be trimmed on the Sophia Emma, and she shot past from under the lee of the Comet. A northwesterly breeze on the Harlem enables the yachts to sail with sheets eased off. This is the Sophia Emma's favorite point of sailing. She carries a very large spread of canvas, and with her miniature fort of sand-bags piled up to windward, she plowed past the starting point 30 seconds in advance of her antagonist. Although the crew of the Comet used every exertion to enhance the speed of their craft, the Sophia Emma sailed three feet to her two, and before one-half of the course had been sailed over she led the Comet nearly a mile. Sophia Emma's lead increased in length between the respective yachts, the Sophia Emma allowed the Comet 5 minutes 18 seconds time allowance. The Comet was beaten 18 minutes more than the time allowed her. The judges were Messrs. Simpson, Beltman, and Lorner. The Mary Gibson has challenged the Sophia Emma for the cup to race for it over the same course. All yachts under 35 feet will be allowed to compete.

BUSINESS INTERESTS ABROAD.

A PROPOSED LOCK-OUT—DISEASED AMERICAN CATTLE—BRITISH GRAIN PROSPECTS.

LONDON, May 17.—At Padiham, Clitheroe, and Great Harwood the employers will close their mills on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week. In the event of this action not speedily ending the strike of the operatives, the Masters' Central Committee will meet to consider the advisability of a general lock-out.

The report of the Veterinary Department of the Privy Council says: "The orders in Council enjoining the slaughter of cattle, sheep, and pigs from the United States have been fully justified. In 1879 there were imported from America 187 cattle affected with pleuro-pneumonia, 23 sheep with scab, and mouth disease, 37 sheep with scab, and 974 swine with fever. The number of cattle infected with disease imported from the United States largely exceed the whole number of cases of disease detected among cattle imported in the same period from European countries."

The *Mark Lane Express*, in its review of the British grain trade for the past week, says: "The aspect of affairs has not a little advanced since our last week. Night frosts in many districts have checked the development of wheat, which is generally backward and frequently thin. Unless genial weather sets in speedily, the chances of ultimate mischief to crops will be considerably increased. Scotch advices are somewhat better. Although both in Mark-lane and in the provinces the demand for English wheat was somewhat inactive, last week's prices were well maintained and even occasionally exceeded. The imports of foreign have been sufficient to meet the ordinary requirements without swelling stocks. The circumstance and an unusual shortness in Continental reserves have increased the confidence of buyers. If the price of wheat had not already fallen comparatively low, doubtless trade would require all the support extraneous influence could afford to avert a further decline being caused by the liberation of the Ring stocks in America, and the increased imports consequent on the reopening of the Northern Russian ports. Of late, however, a strong undertone has been observable, and the opinion is gaining ground that wheat at the present range of prices can be safely bought for speculation or consumption. Holders have strongly resisted any further reduction, and have encouraged a slightly unfavorable crop prospects. An active strengthening influence undoubtedly has been the Continental demand, under which the coast is being rapidly cleared of cargoes at advanced prices. Red Winter sold at 48s. 6d. for the Continent about the middle of the week. The running-point also appears to have been reached in the spot market, where the price of red Winter has improved about 1s. per quarter. Maize, on the spot, has also been very firmly held, and a slight advance has occurred, both in London and at Liverpool, while it is advanced but been paid for cargoes off-coast. The sales of English wheat last week were 26,704 quarters at 44s. 9d. per quarter, against 27,009 quarters at 42s. 8d. per quarter for the corresponding week last year. The imports into the United Kingdom during the week ending May 8 were 1,014,800 hundred-weights of wheat and 105,400 hundred-weights of flour."

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

John McCullough is at the Sturtevant House.

John C. Bullitt, of Philadelphia, is at the Brevoort House.

William Beach Lawrence, of Rhode Island, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

Gov. John D. Long, of Massachusetts, is at the Hotel Brunswick.

Ex-Congressman Job E. Stevenson, of Ohio, is at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

John Boyle O'Reilly and Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, are at the Everett House.

The Hon. Theodore M. Pomeroy and Gen. John H. Ketcham, of Auburn, N. Y., are at the Windsor Hotel.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

Albert Fuss, who on Friday cut his throat and the arteries of his left wrist at No. 320 West Broadway, died yesterday.

The members of the Produce Exchange started a subscription yesterday for the relief of the sufferers by the tornadoes in Missouri and Mississippi, and realized $776 50.

A subscriber is informed that 72 miles an hour is the highest velocity of the wind recorded in this City since the establishment of the Signal Service Station here.

Some time Sunday night, Kate Campbell, who was intoxicated, fell from a fourth-story window, at No. 214 Mulberry-street, into the yard of No. 48 Spring-street. She was instantly killed.

A man found drowned off Governor's Island on Sunday was identified yesterday as William T. Smith, a news-vendor, of No. 51 Oliver-street, who had recently fallen from the gang-plank of a steamer at the foot of Rutgers-street.

The fourteenth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the English Lutheran Church of St. James, East Fifteenth-street, between Second and Third avenues, will be held in the church on Thursday evening.

Among the recorded mortgages in the Register's office yesterday was one from the Jerome Park Railway Company to D. Ogden Bradley and Thomas M. Foote, Trustees, for $100,000, to run for 10 years, at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

Capt. Wilson, of the steam-ship Bermuda, which arrived from Bermuda yesterday, reports that, in latitude 38° 30', and longitude 69° 30', he passed a small vessel drifting bottom upward. It appeared to be a schooner which had capsized.

The Produce Exchange has received an invitation to send delegates to the Millers' International Exhibition, to be held in Cincinnati on the 31st inst. The matter has been referred to the Grain Committee, who have not yet taken any action upon it.

The headless body of an unknown man was found floating in the North River yesterday, and it was taken to the Morgue. The body was dressed in coarse clothing, and was apparently that of a working man. It is supposed the head was taken off by the wheel of a passing steamer.

President Dillon, of the Union Pacific Railway Company, has called a meeting of the stockholders, to be held at Omaha, Aug. 18, for the purpose of obtaining a formal recorded vote in favor of the recent consolidation of the Union Pacific Railroad and Kansas and Denver Pacific Railway Companies.

Officer Kramer, of the Eleventh Police Precinct, was savagely beaten by a party of roughs on Sunday night, at Maurin and Rivington streets. Frank Brooker, John Witten, and William Allen were arrested as ringleaders in the assault, and *were remanded for examination yesterday in the* Essex Market Police Court.

The Secretary of the Treasury has been notified that the United States has been admitted to the benefits of Annex B of the treaty of 1868 between Portugal and France, which admits into Portugal directly imported goods of French origin and manufacture at a rate of duty from 10 to 25 per cent. lower than the regular rate.

Yesterday, on a warrant issued by Judge King, of Buffalo, Central Office Detectives Slevin and Reilly arrested F. A. Cotzarin, who is charged with forgery. No particulars of the case are in the possession of Inspector Byrnes, but it is understood that a warrant on another charge of forgery sent to the prisoner has not been executed.

Yesterday Justice Smith issued a warrant for the arrest of William Templeman, of No. 191 South Third-street, Brooklyn, E. D., on the complaint of Giles B. Dart, of No. 181 William-street, who accused Templeman of passing on him a forged check for $165. The process was executed by Central Office Detectives McCormack and Price.

Since Saturday, 2,698 immigrants were landed at Castle Garden. The City of Richmond, from Liverpool, brought 1,252; the Arizona, from Liverpool, 1,010, and the Mosa, from Rotterdam, 436. Among them was a child of 7 years, named Mary Condon, who has traveled alone from Cork, Ireland, en route to Crawfordsville, Ind., to join her father.

The Fourth Assembly District Republican Association last evening adopted the proposed amendment to the by-laws which permits the polls to be opened at 5 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock P. M. where the membership of an association exceeds 300. The resolution of Charles Newton, President of the association, was accepted, and George